

100 ATTACKING GAMES OF HENRY BIRD



100 ANNOTATED GAMES

♔ 2025 ♔

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 □ MacDonnell, George Alcock
 ■ Bird, Henry Edward
 ordinary London 1874
[Bird, H., Hokmome]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 [Notes by Mr. Boden.] 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 Bb6

[8...Nxd4 is interesting. 9.Nxd4 Nf6 10.Nb3 Bb6]

9.Bb5 -0.09/18

[♖9.Nc3 0.22/17]

9...Kf8 0.78/18

[9...Bd7= -0.09/18 10.Bb2 Nf6 11.d5 Ne5 12.Bxd7+ Nfxd7 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bd4 0-0 15.f4 Ng6 16.Na3 f5 17.Qd3 fxe4 18.Qxe4 Qe7 19.Rae1 Rae8 20.Bxb6 Qxe4 21.Rxe4 Rxe4 22.Bxc7 Nxf4 0-1 (22) Hardy, D (986)- Von Skarszewski, A (1027) corr 2000 ZUS C73 [adjudicated]]

10.Bxc6 0.25/20

[10.h3± 0.78/18]

10...bxc6= 11.Nc3 -0.01/19

[11.a4± 0.38/19]

11...Bg4 12.Be3N -0.36/21

[12.e5= 0.00/21]

[12.Ba3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qg5+ 14.Kh1 Ne7 15.Ne2 Ng6 16.Rg1 Qf6 17.Qd3 Kg8 18.Bc1 h6 19.f4 Kh7 20.f5 Ne7 21.Bb2 d5 22.f3 Rad8 23.Nf4 Rhg8 24.Nh5 Qh4 25.f6 Qxh5 26.fxe7 Rd7 6.0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 - P-Voboril, P Leningrad 1863 CR97-75 [Gerz, Journal of Chess Master p111] 0-1 (40)]

12...Ne7 0.25/19

[12...Qf6!± -0.36/21]

13.Ne2 -0.42/20

[13.h3= 0.25/19 Bh5 14.Rb1]

C51 13...Qd7 0.01/19

[13...d5± -0.42/20]

14.Qb3 -1.20/22

[14.Nd2= 0.01/19 keeps the balance.]

14...Qe6 -0.73/20

[♚14...Bxf3 -1.20/22 15.gxf3 Qh3]

15.Qc2 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Re8 -0.43/20

[16...Qh3!± -0.96/21 17.f4 (17.Ng3? h5±) 17...d5]

17.Ng3 -1.83/22

[17.Kg2± -0.43/20]

17...h5+ 18.Kh1? -3.33/21

[18.a4± -1.53/20 was necessary. h4 19.Ne2]

18...h4? -0.79/22

[18...Qh3+ -3.33/21 is more deadly. White must now prevent ...h5-h4. 19.Qd1 h4]

19.Ne2± Qh3 -0.56/21

[19...Qf6± -0.96/22 20.f4 d5]

20.Ng1± Qd7 21.f4 -1.18/20

[21.Rac1± -0.57/20]

21...c5 -0.32/19 [This and the succeeding move improve Black's game.]

[21...d5± -1.18/20 aiming for ...d5xe4. 22.e5 h3]

22.dxc5 Qc6 23.f3 -0.82/21

[23.Rac1± -0.31/23 dxc5 24.Nf3]

23...Nf5? 1.30/21 [It is evident the Knight cannot be taken with advantage.]

24.Qb3? -1.88/21

[24.Qc1!± 1.30/21 Nxe3 25.cxb6]

24...Nxe3+ 25.Qxe3 Bxc5 26.Qc3 -1.90/20

[26.Qd3± -1.56/20]

26...Rh6 -1.31/21

[26...h3+ -1.90/20 27.Ne2 Qa4]

27.Ne2 -1.82/20

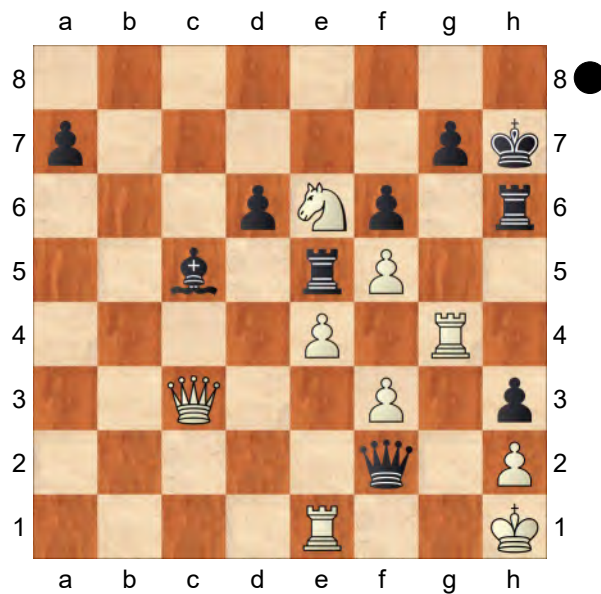
[27.Nh3± -1.31/21]

27...Rg6 -0.76/21

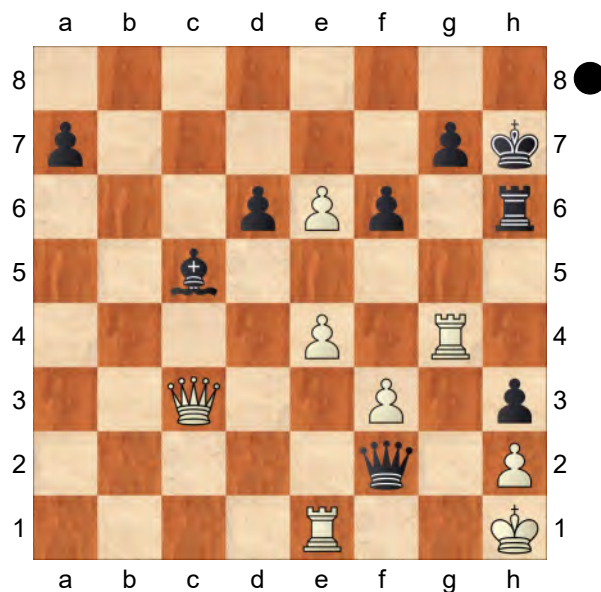
[27...Qa6+ -1.82/20 and Black stays

clearly on top. 28.Qd2 c6]
28.f5 **Rf6** -0.45/22
 [28...Rh6 **-0.91/24**]
29.Nf4 **Re5** 0.25/22
 [29...Qa4! **-0.67/23** 30.Rac1
 (30.Nd5 Bd4) 30...Rxf5! 31.exf5
 Qxf4]
30.Rad1 -0.26/22
 [30.Rab1 0.25/22]
30...Qa4 Strongly threatening ...Rf6xf5!
 [30...h3!?]
31.Nd5 White has counterplay
31...Rh6 **32.Nxc7** **Kg8** 0.53/22
 [32...h3= 0.01/24]
33.Nd5 h3 **34.Rg1?** -1.55/23 **Kh7**
 -0.34/23
 [White believes 34...Bxg1 would not
 be good for Black.]
 [34...Qxa2 35.Rg4 (35.Rd2 Qa4=)
 [Black should try 34...Bxg1 **-1.55/23**
 35.Rxg1 Kh7]
35.Rde1 -2.21/22
 [35.Ne3 **-0.34/23**]
35...f6? 0.01/24
 [And not 35...Qxa2 36.Rg4 f6
 37.Ra1 Rxd5 38.exd5 (38.Rxa2?
 leads to mate. Rd1+) 38...Qxd5
 39.Re1=]
 [35...Bxg1+- **-2.21/22** 36.Rxg1
 Qxa2]
36.Rg4 Re1-g1! is the strong threat.
36...Qxa2 **37.Nc7?** -1.72/26 Inhibits
 Re5-e8.
 [37.Qd3= 0.01/24 and White has
 nothing to worry.]
37...Qf2? 0.01/28 Chess con chili.
 [Better is 37...Re7!+- **-1.72/26** 38.Nd5
 Rb7]
38.Ne6 -7.79/25
 [38.Reg1= 0.01/28 Qxg1+ 39.Rxg1
 Bxg1 40.Ne6 (40.Kxg1 Rc5)]

(Diagram)



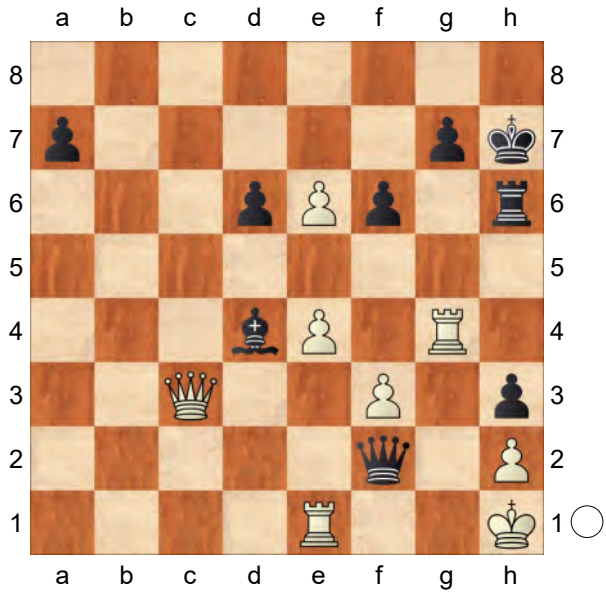
38...Rxe6!+- **39.fxe6**
 [39.Rgg1 Re7]



39...Rg6! [An unanswerable coup. The
 ending is very pretty and instructive.]
 [39...Bd4?]

(Diagram)

40.Reg1! Qxg1+ 41.Rxg1+-]
40.f4 Weighted Error Value: White=1.13/
 Black=0.67 [Black mates in two moves.]
0-1



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A02

□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Rosenthal, Samuel

Wien International-01 (22) 14.08.1873

[Bird, H., Mon Hokmome]

A02: Bird's Opening [Vienna Tournament, 1873.] 1.f4 e6 2.e3 f5

[2...d5 3.Nf3 c5 4.b3 a6 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.a4 b6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.d3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Ng4 11.Qe1 Nxe3 12.Qg3 Bf6 13.Ne5 Nxf1 14.Rxf1 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Bg5 16.Nf3 Be3+ 17.Kh1 Haring, F-Davila, E Biel 1927 EXT 2016 [BCCA Magazine iii:4 (July 1951) p49] 0-1 (43)]

3.Nf3 c5 4.b3N

[4.c3 Nf6 5.Na3 Be7 6.Nc2 0-0 7.b3 b6 8.Bb2 Bb7 9.Be2 Na6 10.0-0 Nc7 11.Qe1 Nce8 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.c4 Ng4 14.h3 Nh6 15.d4 Be4 16.Rd2 Bf6 17.Qf2 Rd8 18.Nce1 Nf7 Bird, H-Lasker, E Liverpool (England) 1890 Lasker 2nd WC [Khalifman, A] 0-1 (37) 19.Nd3 h6 20.Qg3 Kh7 21.Nf2 Bxf3 22.Qxf3 g5 23.Rfd1 gxf4 24.exf4 Rg8 25.dxc5 bxc5 26.Nd3 Bxb2 27.Rxb2 Nf6 28.Nf2 Rg6 29.Qe3 Rdg8 30.Bf3 Rg3 31.Rbd2 e5 32.Qc3 R8g6 33.Rd3 e4 Qxd4 Side Lines-2. c4 e5 London 1873 CBM 084 Extra [Dorner, Cranbourne] 0-1 (37)]

4...Nf6 5.Bb2 b6 6.Na3 Bb7 7.c4 Be7 8.Be2 The position is equal. 8...Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nc2 Qe8 11.d3 Nd8 12.Qd2 Nf7 13.Rae1 -0.21/13

[♠13.a4 0.18/14]

13...Nh6 0.13/18

[13...d5 -0.21/13 feels stronger.]

14.Bd1 Nh5 15.Kh1 -0.12/20

[♠15.Ng5 0.26/18]

15...Ng4 16.Kg1 Rd8 17.h3 Nh6

18.Qf2 Qg6 19.Ne5 Qe8 20.Bf3 d6 0.51/23 21.Bxb7± dxe5 22.Rd1 -0.01/21

[22.Bxe5± 0.39/22

is more appropriate. Rxd3 23.Bf3]

22...exf4= 23.exf4 Qd7 24.Ba6 Bf6 0.51/20

[Black should try 24...Nf7= -0.01/22]

25.Bxf6 -0.01/23

[25.d4!± 0.51/20]

25...Rxf6 0.44/23

[Better to have taken 25...Nxf6]

[25...Nxf6= -0.01/23 26.Kh1 Nf7]

26.d4± And now Qf2-f3 would win.

26...Qc6 1.65/23 [A lost move, enabling White to gain time by pushing his pawn, which it is evident cannot be taken.]

[26...Qc7± 0.33/23]

27.d5+- exd5 28.cxd5

[28.Qf3?! g6±]

28...Qd6 2.23/23

[28...Qe8± 1.50/23]

29.Be2 [The best move.] 29...g6 30.Ne3

[Much better than 30.Bxh5 as White requires the Bishop.]

30...Ng7 31.Nc4 Qf8 32.Qh4 Ne8

33.Ne5 Kg7 1.68/23

[33...Nf7± 1.37/22 was worth a try. 34.Bb5 Nfd6]

34.Bf3 Nd6 35.Rfe1 1.01/24

[35.Qf2+- 1.86/21]

35...Ng8 2.03/21

[35...Ne4± 1.01/24]

36.Re2 1.00/24

[36.Nc6+- 2.03/21]

36...Ne7 37.g4 0.19/26

[37.Rde1± 1.30/23]

37...fxg4= 38.Nxg4 Rf7 39.Re6! Nef5 0.58/23

[39...h5!= 0.16/24]

40.Qe1!± Kh8 1.67/25

[40...Kg8± 0.63/22]

41.Ne5!+- Rg7 42.Nc6 Prevents Nf5-

d4. 42...Rdd7 43.Qc3 0.46/23
[The game at this point is very well contested.]

[43.Bg4!+- 1.66/22]

43...Kg8± 44.Rde1 0.05/23

[44.Bg4± 0.57/22]

44...h6 0.95/20

[44...Nd4!= 0.05/23 remains equal.]

45.Ne5 -0.01/21

0x0.001aaea0f339dp-1022s more active pieces.

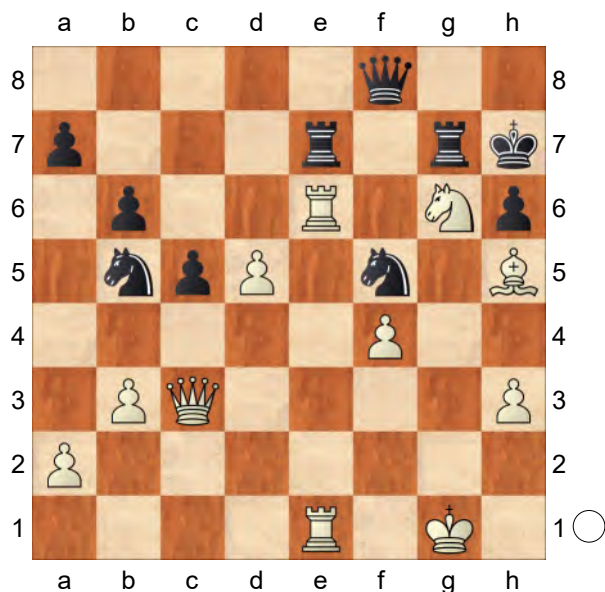
[45.Qe5!± 0.95/20]

45...Rde7= 46.Nxg6 Kh7 0.70/26

[46...Rxe6= -0.01/22 47.Rxe6 Nd4]

47.Bh5± Nb5? 5.16/24

[47...Rxe6± 0.60/23 48.Rxe6 Nd4]



48.Qd3? 0.96/27

[48.Qg3 Qd8 49.Qg4 Rxe6 50.dxe6 Qd4+ 51.Kh1 Qc3=]

[48.Kh2!+- 5.16/24 has better winning chances. Nxc3 49.Nxf8+ Kg8

50.Rxe7 Rxe7 51.d6! (51.Rxe7 Nxe7 52.Ne6 Nxd5=) 51...Kxf8 52.dxe7+ Nxe7 53.Re6]

48...Rxe6± 49.Rxe6 0.54/26

[49.dxe6± 1.35/26 Black must now prevent Kg1-h2. Nbd4 50.Kf2 Rxc6

51.e7 (51.Bxc6+ Kxc6 52.e7 Qe8±) 51...Nxe7 52.Rxe7+! Qxe7 53.Qxc6+ Kh8 54.Qxh6+ Qh7 55.Qf8+ Qg8 56.Qxc8+ (56.Qh6+ Qh7±) 56...Kxc8 57.Bg6]

49...Nbd4±



50.Kh2 0.52/26

[Better is 50.Kf1!± 0.94/25 Qf7 51.Kf2 (51.Re7 Qxd5 52.Kf2 Qc6±)]

50...Qf7 2.88/26

[50...Qd8± 0.52/26]

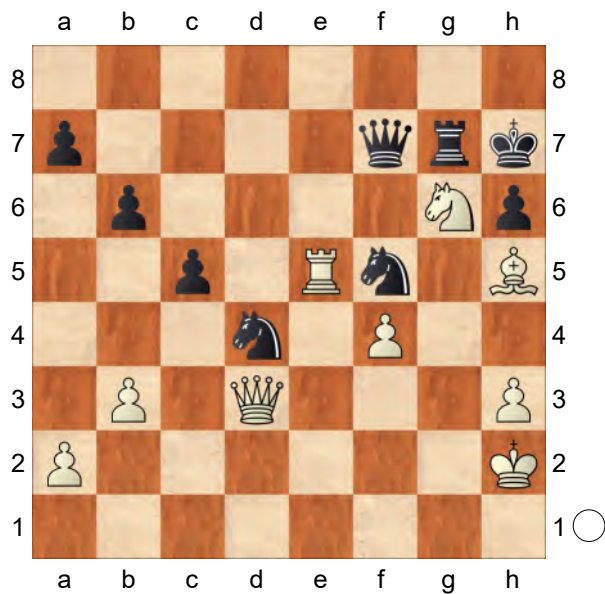
51.Re7? -0.01/25 Qxd5= ...Nd4-f3+! is the strong threat. 52.Re5± White is not keeping still. Dancing on a razor blade. 52...Qf7

(Diagram)

53.Re7! Qd5 Hoping for ...Nd4-f3+!

54.Rxc6+ Kxc6 55.Ne5 Kf6 56.Bg4 Strongly threatening Bg4xf5. 56...Ke6 3.31/26 Black is on the road to losing.

[56...Nh4= -0.01/24 and Black has nothing to worry. 57.Qg3 Ndf5 58.Bxf5 Qd2+ 59.Kh1 Qd1+ 60.Kh2 Qe2+ 61.Kh1 (61.Kg1 Qd1+ 62.Kh2 Qe2+ 63.Kh1 Qd1+ 64.Kh2=) 61...Qd1+ 62.Kh2 Qe2+ 63.Kh1



Black=0.66

1-0

(63.Kg1 Qd1+ 64.Kh2=) 63...Qd1+]

57.Qa6+- Qa8 Prevents Qa6-c8+.

58.Qa4 1.85/25 [The Queen appears to have been played to the best advantage.]

[♖58.Qc4+ 3.47/26 Qd5 59.Qa4]

58...Kf6? 5.40/27

[58...b5 1.85/25 is more resistant.

59.Qa6+ Kd5 60.Bxf5 Nxf5 61.Qxb5

Nd4 62.Qc4+ (62.Qd3 Qf8±)

62...Kd6 63.Qa6+ Kd5]

59.Qd7 Qf8 Against Qd7-f7+ **60.Qxa7 Qd8** #1/6

[60...Qe8+- 3.48/24 61.Qh7 b5]

61.Qh7 7.44/26

[♖61.Qf7# #1/6]

61...Qe8 62.a4 Ke6 63.Qxh6+ Kd5

64.Qxb6 Nd6 9.16/23 Against Qb6-b7+

[♖64...Ke4 4.94/23 65.Bxf5+ Nxf5

66.Qxc5 Qd8]

65.b4 cxb4 66.Qxb4 Qf8 67.Qa5+

Ke4 68.Qe1+ Kd5 69.Qf2 aiming for

Qf2-a2+. 69...Qh6 70.Bf3+ Ne4

71.Qa2+ Kc5 72.Qc4+

Lehner, Schwede: Der erste Wiener internationale Schachkongress 1873, p. 188. Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/

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C58

□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Boden, Samuel Standidge

ordinary London

1872

[Bird, H., Hokmome]

C58: Two Knights: 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5
sidelines 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4
Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.d3
-0.44/22

[6.Bb5+!= 0.23/21 c6 7.dxc6 bxc6
8.Qf3]

6...Bd6N 0.60/20

[6...h6! 0.44/22 7.Nf3 e4 8.Nd4
(8.Qe2 Nxc4 9.dxc4 Bc5 10.Nfd2
0-0 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Qe1 Qd7 13.Nb3
Bf3 14.Bf4 Qg4 15.Bg3 Nh5
16.Nxc5 Nf4 17.Nd2 Qh3
0-1 (17) Carbone, D (2152)-Gebauer, R
(1803) ICCF 2011 OPN, C00 [Oim/
Pokhla]) 8...Bc5 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bb5+
c6 11.dxc6 0-0 12.cxb7 Nxe3
13.fxe3 Bxb7 14.Nc3 Qh4+ 15.Kf1
Qf6+ 16.Ke2 Rad8 17.Nxe4 Bxe4
18.dxe4 Qg5 19.Kf2 Bxd4 20.exd4
Qxb5 21.b3 Nc6 22.c3 f5
4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 c5_45379 (2340) -
Florjancic, R (2550) Wijk aan Zee 1986
200 Traps In The Opening [
IainMackintosh] ½-½ (61)]

[6...Bg4 7.f3 Bf5 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Bd2
Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Nxc4 11.dxc4 h6
12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.fxe4 Qh4+ 14.g3
Qxe4+ 15.Kf2 Qxc4 16.Bxe5 f6
17.Bxf6 0-0 18.Qd4 Qxc2+ 19.Ke3
Rxf6 20.Qe5 Qd3+ 0-1 (20) Martin,
O-Mendheim, J corr 15.PV-131 2004
CBM 44 [Junior Tay, Santhosh
Matthew Paul]]

[6...Bc5 7.b4 Bxb4+ 8.c3 Nxc4
9.dxc4 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.f4 e4
12.Nd2 Bg4 13.Qc2 Re8 14.Ndxe4
Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Bf5 16.Nf6+ Bxf6

17.Qxf5 Bxc3 18.Rb1 Bd4+ 19.Kh1
Qe7 20.Bb2 Bc5 21.Qg4 7.Bd2 0-0
8.000 c5-Makogonov, V Hungary 1864
ZUS D57 [Grimm, K F] 1-0 (33)]

[6...Nxc4 7.dxc4 h6 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.h3
0-0 10.Be3 e4 11.Nd4 Nh7 12.Nc3
f5 13.Ndb5 f4 14.Bd4 f3 15.gxf3
exf3 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.Be3 Qb4
18.Qc1 Qxc4 19.Qd2 Bf5 20.0-0-0
Nf6 21.Rhg1 Qxd4 Side Lines-
Forcolen, L Hallsberg 1874 CBM
91-C47 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (42)]

7.0-0 -0.01/22

[7.Bb5+± 0.60/20 c6 8.dxc6 bxc6
9.Ba4 (9.Qf3 0-0=)]

7...h6= 8.Nf3 Bg4 0.47/22

[8...Nxc4= -0.04/21 9.dxc4 e4]

9.Nbd2 0.14/23

[9.Bb5+± 0.47/22 c6 10.dxc6 bxc6
11.Ba4]

9...Qd7 1.01/19

[9...Nxc4 10.Nxc4 b5 11.Ncxe5±
(11.Nxd6+ cxd6 12.c4 bxc4±)]
[9...0-0= 0.14/23]

10.h3 0.41/22

[10.a3!± 1.01/19]

10...h5 1.61/20 11.Re1

[11.hxg4 hxg4 12.Ng5 Kf8]

11...0-0-0 12.hxg4 0.64/22

[12.a3+- 1.78/21]

12...hxg4± 13.Nh2 -0.69/23

[If 13.Nxe5 -0.01/24 Black plays 13.
Nf3 - g 5 0 . 7 8 Qf5 with a most
dangerous attack.]

[13.Nxe5 Qf5 14.d4 (14.Nxf7?
Bh2+ 15.Kf1 Bg3+-) 14...Qh5=]
[13.Ng5!± 0.67/24 Rh4 14.Nde4]

13...g3 14.Nhf3 -1.80/22

[14.fxg3? Bc5+ 15.Kf1 (15.Kh1?
Rhx2+ 16.Kxh2 Rh8+) 15...Rhx2+-]
[White should try 14.Ndf1 0.56/21
gxh2+ 15.Kh1]

14...gxf2+ -0.91/23

[14...Rh5+ -1.80/22 Threatens to win with ... Bd6-c5. 15.fxc3 Qg4]
15.Kxf2 **Bc5+** -0.11/21
 [15...Qf5 -0.93/23 16.Rf1 Nxc4 17.Nxc4 e4 18.Nxd6+ Rxd6]
16.d4= exd4 0.01/24
 [16...Ng4+! -0.53/24 17.Kg1 Nxc4 18.Nxc4 exd4]
17.Bd3 Hoping for Nf3-e5. **17...Ng4+**
18.Kg1 Ne3 0.70/21
 [18...Qxd5= 0.09/20 19.Ne4 Bb6]
19.Qe2 **Qxd5** **20.Nf1 Rde8** **21.Bxe3**
 [21.Nxe3 dxe3 22.b4 Bxb4 -]
21...dxe3 **22.Rad1!** **Nc6** 1.41/21
 [22...Qh5 0.61/24 23.N3h2 (23.Ng3 Qh6 -) 23...Re5]
23.Bb5? -0.17/23
 [23.Ng3 1.41/21 Qxa2 24.Bf5+ Kb8 25.Bd7]
23...Qh5 0.63/24
 [23...Qe6= -0.17/23]
24.N3h2 f5? 1.80/24
 [24...Qh6= 0.23/21]
25.Rd5
 [25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.g3 (26.Qa6+ Kb8 -) 26...Bb6=]
25...Bb6 **26.c3?** -0.57/23
 [26.Qxh5 1.54/23 Rxh5 27.Be2]
26...g6 0.01/24
 [26...Qh4 -0.57/23]
27.Kh1 -0.66/21 [To enable him to win the e-pawn with safety after the advance of the a-pawn.]
 [27.c4= 0.01/24 a6 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Rd3]
27...Qh4 -0.01/22
 [27...Qg5 -0.66/21]
28.g3 -1.18/22
 [28.a4!= -0.01/22]
28...Qf6! Black has strong compensation.
 [28...Qe4+?! 29.Qg2=]
29.a4 Re7 **30.Red1 Reh7** 0.32/24

[30...Ne5! -1.15/21 And now ...c7-c6 would win. 31.a5 (31.Nxe3? c6+) 31...Bxa5]
31.Kg2 -0.01/22
 [31.b4! 0.32/24 a5 32.Bxc6 Qxc6 33.bxa5]
31...Ne5? 2.67/25
 [31...a5!= -0.01/22]
32.a5!+-
 [32.Nf3 Nxf3 33.Qxf3 Qg5 33...Bxa5 33.Qxe3 Chess con chili. 33...Bb6? 6.75/26
 [33...Rxh2+ 2.44/25 34.Nxh2 Rxh2+ 35.Kf1 c6 36.Rxe5 Rh1+ 37.Ke2 Rxd1 38.Kxd1 cxb5 39.Qc5+ (39.Rxb5 Bb6+-; 39.Re8+ Kd7 39...Bc7 40.Re8+ Kd7]
34.Qd2?? -3.19/26
 [34.Qxe5+- 6.75/26 avoids the disaster. Qxe5 35.Rxe5]
34...c6+ **35.Rd6** -4.08/24
 [35.Rxe5 -2.87/25 Qxe5 36.Be2]
35...Qf8? -0.26/22
 [35...Qe7+- -4.08/24 36.Bd3 Kb8 37.Bxf5 Rxh2+! 38.Nxh2 Rxh2+! 39.Kxh2 Nf3+ 40.Kh3 Nxd2 41.Rxg6 Qf7! 42.Rxd2 Qxf5+ 43.Rg4 a6]
36.Be2!= Bc7 -0.01/21
 [36...Qe7 -0.57/21 37.Rd4 (37.Kh1? Rxh2+ 38.Nxh2 Qh7+-) 37...Bxd4 38.Qxd4 Nf7]
37.Rd4 Qf6 **38.Nf3** Against g6-g5
38...Nxf3 **39.Bxf3 g5!** **40.b4** -0.96/22
 [40.Rd7!= -0.01/22]
40...g4 -0.33/23
 [If 40...f4 0.21/21 instead, White can play 40...Bc7-b6 -0.92 41.Bg4+ -0.76/25 (41.Re4= 0.21/21) 41...Kb8 aiming for ...f4xg3. and then play 42.Rd7? -3.67/24 (42.Rd6! -0.56/20 Qf8 43.gxf4)]
 [40...Bb6 -0.96/22 41.Kg1 Rd7]
41.Be2 **Qe5?** 0.93/22 [Threatening

42...Rh2+.]

[At this juncture, if Black plays instead 41...Rh2+? 2.89/24 41...Kc8-b8 -0.52 42.Nxh2 Rxh2+ White plays 43.Kg1 safely. (If he played 43.Kxh2?? -#7/16 43.Kg2-g1 2.78 Black would mate in six moves very neatly.)]

[41...Kb8!± -0.62/24 stays ahead. 42.Qd3 Rh1]

42.Rf4? -2.42/26

[42.Bd3!± 0.93/22 and life is bright.]

42...Bb6? 0.01/23

[42...Re7-+ -2.42/26 43.Bc4 b5]

43.Qd3 -0.92/29 [This and the next move are beautifully planned to save the game.]

[43.c4!= 0.01/23]

43...Rh1!± [Threatening mate at g1.]

44.Qxf5+ Qxf5 45.Bxg4 Qxg4

46.Rxg4 Rg1+ 47.Kf3 Re8 -0.34/25

[Black should play 47...Kb8± -0.89/24]

48.Rf4 -1.11/25

[Better is 48.c4!± -0.34/25]

48...Re7 -0.22/22

[48...Kb8± -1.11/25 49.Rf5 Rg8]

49.Rf8+ -0.89/22

[49.c4!= -0.22/22 Rd7 50.Rf8+ Bd8 51.Ra1]

49...Kc7 50.c4 -1.26/26

[Δ50.Rf5 -0.78/22]

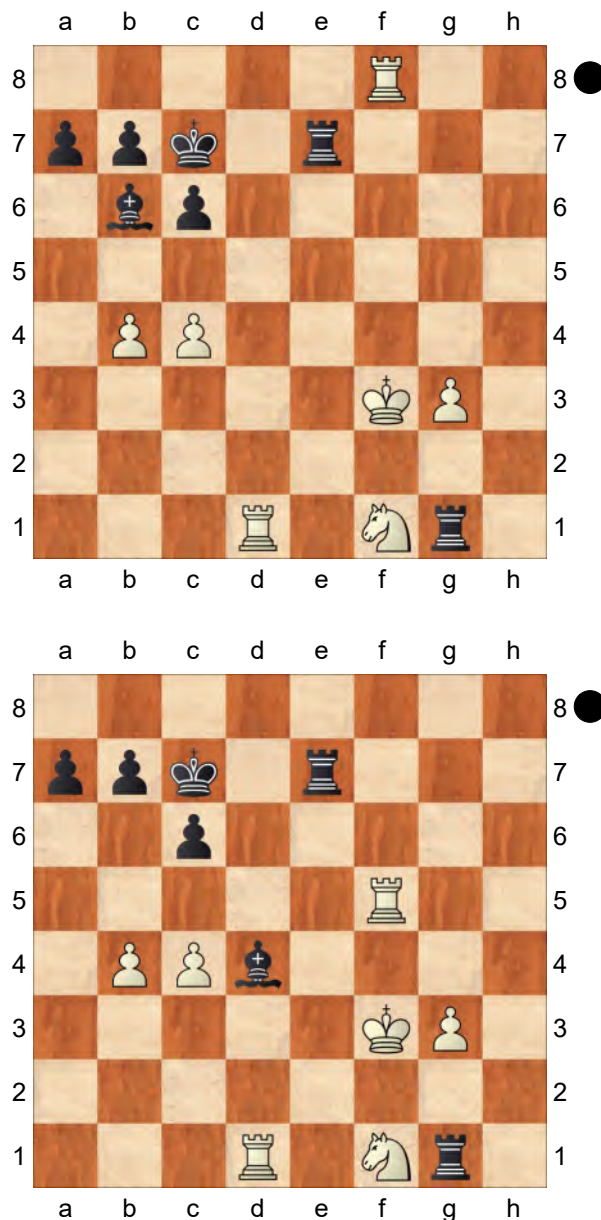
(Diagram)

50...c5 0.01/19

[This and Black's next move or two are so thoughtless as to lose the game. He had only to play 50...Bd4! to obtain a position equal to his opponent's.]

[50...Bd4!± -1.26/26 ...c6-c5 is the strong threat. 51.Rf5

(Diagram)



Rg7!]

51.b5= a6 1.00/24

[51...Rg7!= -0.01/20 remains equal.]

52.Kf2 Rh1 53.Rf6 -0.01/21

[53.bxa6± 1.08/21 Strongly threatening Rf8-f6. bxa6 54.Rf6]

53...Rh5 1.32/22 [Utterly inconsiderate.]

[53...axb5 might still leave a draw.]

[53...axb5= -0.01/21 keeps the balance. 54.Rdd6 Ba5 55.cxb5 Kb8]

54.Rdd6 0.18/22

[54.Rb1± 1.32/22 Black must now

prevent b5xa6. a5 55.Ne3]
54...Ba5? 3.52/23
[54...Rf5+= 0.18/22 55.Rxf5 Kxd6]
55.b6++-
[Weaker is 55.bxa6 Bc3=]
55...Bxb6 56.Rxb6 a5? 5.48/22
[56...Rhe5 3.02/21 57.g4 Re2+
58.Kg3 R2e4]
57.Rb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.
66/Black=0.84
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□ Albin, Adolf
 ■ Bird, Henry Edward

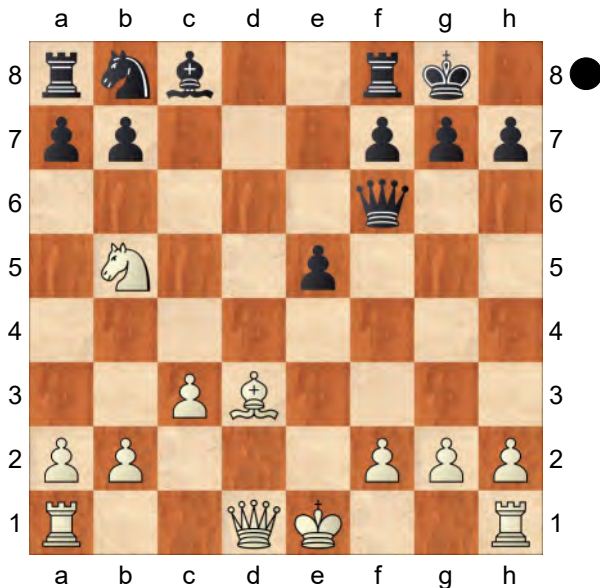
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[Naruemon]

C13

1895

C13: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5
 Be7, Alekhine-Chatard Attack 1.e4 e6
 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4
 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Nxf6+ Bxf6 7.Bxf6
 Qxf6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 c5 10.c3 cxd4
 11.Nxd4 e5 12.Nb5



Black must now prevent Nb5-c7.
 12...Nc6 White should prevent ...e5-e4!
 13.0-0

[13.Nc7 Rb8 14.Nd5 Qh6 15.0-0
 Be6 16.Nc7 Bc8 17.Be4 Rd8
 18.Qb3 Qd6 19.Nb5 Qc5 20.a4 Be6
 21.Qc2 g6 22.Nc7 Bc4 23.Rfd1
 Rbc8 24.b4 Qe7 25.Nd5 Bxd5
 26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.Bxd5 Nxb4
 Sarkar, J (2366)-Stark, L (2381)
 Chess.com INT 2021 0-1]

13...Be6N 0.25/20

[Δ13...Qe7 -0.09/18]

[13...Rd8 14.Qc2 g6 15.Rad1 Be6
 16.Nc7 Rac8 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 18.a3
 Kg7 19.Rfe1 f5 20.f3 a6 21.Qe2

Qe7 22.Kh1 Rd6 23.Bc2 Rcd8
 24.Rxd6 Rxd6 25.Rd1 Kf6 26.Rxd6+
 Qxd6 27.Qe3 Kg7 28.Kg1
 Jouglet, F (2011)-Mangelschots, P
 (2128) Bethune 2003 ½-½ (46)]

[13...Bf5 14.Bxf5 Qxf5 15.Qb3
 Rad8 16.Rad1 Qg6 17.h3 h6
 18.Nc7 b6 19.Qa4 Kh8 20.Qg4
 Qxg4 21.hxg4 e4 22.Nb5 Ne5
 23.Rde1 Rd2 24.Rxe4 Nd3 25.Nxa7
 Rxb2 26.a4 Ra2 27.Nb5 Nc5
 28.Rb4 Groszpeter, A (2520)-Guliyev,
 N (2370) Szekszard 1994 ½-½]

[13...g6 14.Qe2 Qe7 15.Rad1 a6
 16.Na3 b5 17.Be4 Bb7 18.Nc2 f5
 19.Bd5+ Kh8 20.Nb4 Nxb4 21.Bxb7
 Rab8 22.cxb4 Rxb7 23.Rd5 Re8
 24.Qd2 Qf6 25.Rd6 Re6 26.Rd8+
 Kg7 27.Rc1 g5 28.Rcc8 Oresky, J
 (2223)-Netusil, M (2170) Czech
 Republic 2019 1-0 (34)]

14.Qa4 -0.10/21

[Δ14.Nc7 0.25/20]

14...Rad8 15.Rfd1 Qg5 16.Bf1
 -0.46/21

[16.Be4= 0.29/20]

16...Bg4 17.Rd3 -0.70/22

[Δ17.Rxd8 -0.39/21 Rxd8 18.h4]

17...Rxd3! 18.Bxd3 Bf3 0.30/24

[Black should play 18...Rd8 19.Be4 Qf4]

19.Bf1→ White mounts an attack.

19...a6 20.Nd6 Nd8 21.Qc2 0.17/22

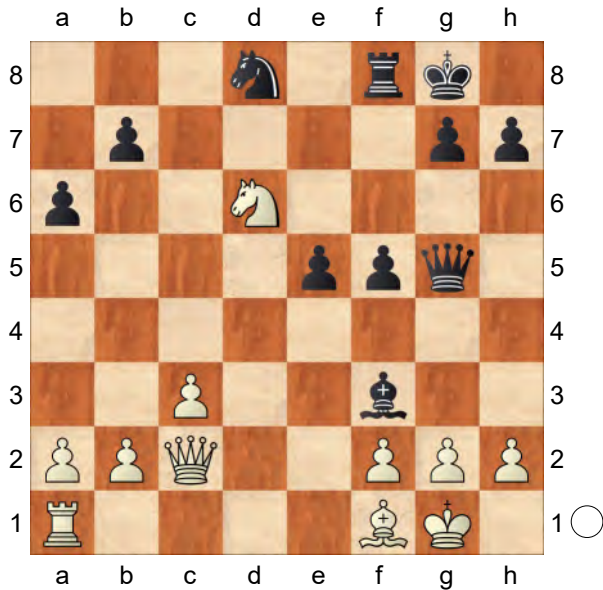
[21.Qb4± 0.60/23 should be
 considered.]

21...f5? 1.87/23

[21...Bc6= 0.17/22 and Black stays
 safe.]

(Diagram)

22.Kh1 0.59/19



[White should try 22.Qb3+!+- 1.87/23
Kh8 23.Qb4]

22...Bc6!± 23.Rd1 0.01/18

[Better is 23.Qb3+!± 0.66/20 Kh8
24.Qb4]

23...Ne6!= 24.f3 0.03/21

[24.Qb3± 0.57/21 Rf6 25.f3
(25.Nxb7 Rg6=)]

24...Rf6 0.62/23

[24...e4!= 0.03/21 25.Bc4 (25.fxe4
fxe4 26.Qb3 Qg6±) 25...Qe7]

25.Bc4 Hoping for Nd6xf5!

[25.Nc8!?]

25...e4 26.fxe4 Kf8? 3.18/19

[26...Qf4± 0.51/24]

27.Nxf5+-

[Worse is 27.exf5 Nf4 28.Bf1
(28.Ne4 Qxf5 29.Rd4 Ne6±)
28...Rh6=]

27...Qg4 4.21/26

[27...b5 2.66/21]

28.Qd2 Qxe4? 5.57/19

[28...Qf4 3.44/23 was called for.
29.Qxf4 Nxf4 30.Rd8+ Be8]

**29.Qd6+ Kf7 30.Bxe6+ Qxe6 31.Qc7+
Kg6 32.Qg3+ 4.24/25**

[32.Qxg7+ 10.15/24 Kxf5 33.Rf1+
Ke5 34.Qg3+ Ke4 35.Qe1+ Kd3

36.Qd1+ Ke3 37.Qd4+ Ke2 38.Rxf6
Qxf6 39.Qxf6]

32...Kxf5 33.Rf1+ Ke4 34.Re1+ Kd5

Threatens to win with ...Qe6-e4!

35.Qd3+ White mates. 35...Kc5

36.Qd4+ Kb5 37.Qb4# Weighted Error

Value: White=0.58/Black=0.89. Loss on
time!?

0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Bier, Martin

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[Naruemon]

C14

C14: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7 main line 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.Nf3 a6 7.Bd3 c5

[7...b5 8.a3 Bb7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 Nd7 11.Rad1 Nb6 12.Rfe1 Rc8 13.h3 g6 14.b4 Bg7 15.a4 dxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 bxa4 18.Qc6 Qd6 19.Qc5 Rfd8 20.Ne4 Qd5 21.Ne5 Qb7 22.Nc6 Pliukha, M (2209)-Noboa Silva, K (2323) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (40)]

8.dxc5 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 The position is equal. 9...Bd7N 1.20/22

[9...0-0!= 0.20/22]

[9...dxe4 10.Bxe4 Qxd1+ (10...0-0 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Rb1 Nc6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Rfd1 Be8 16.h3 f6 17.Rxd8 Rxd8 18.Nd4 e5 19.Nf5 Rd2 20.Rb8 g6 21.Nd6 1-0 (21) Moncamp, G (2174)-Bekhouche, E (1663) Marseille 2011) 11.Rxd1 f5 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.c6 bxc6 14.0-0 Ke7 15.Rfe1 g6 16.Bc4 Nf8 17.Ne5 Bb7 18.Rb1 Ra7 19.Bxa6 Ba8 20.Bc4 Kf6 21.Rb6 c5 22.Nd3 Re7 23.f4 g5 24.Nxc5 Jones, E-Lambert, C Woodhall Spa 1893 1-0]

10.0-0 0.39/22

[10.exd5± 1.20/22 Strongly threatening 0-0. exd5 11.Qe2+ Qe7 12.Nd4]

10...0-0 0.71/21

[10...Bc6± 0.39/22 feels stronger. 11.Ne5 0-0]

11.e5 0.01/21

[White should play 11.exd5± 0.71/21

exd5 12.Nd4]

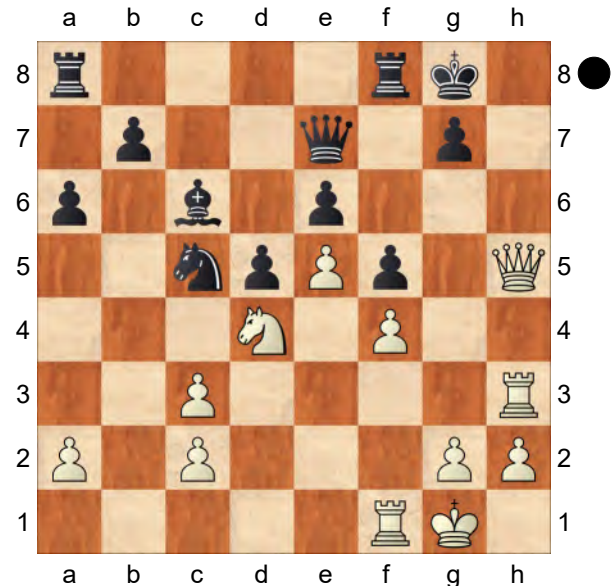
11...Bc6= 12.Nd4 Qe7 13.f4

[13.Qg4 is more complex. Nd7 14.f4 Qxc5 15.Rf3]

13...Nd7 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Qh5+! Kg8 16.Rf3! f5

[16...g6? 17.Qh6+-]

17.Rh3 Nxc5 18.Rf1



Qe8!

[18...Be8? 19.Qh7+ Kf7 20.Rg3+-]

19.Qh7+→ White is up to no good.

[19.Qh4 Kf7 20.Qh5+ Ke7 21.Qg5+ Kd7]

19...Kf7 20.Rh6 -1.56/22

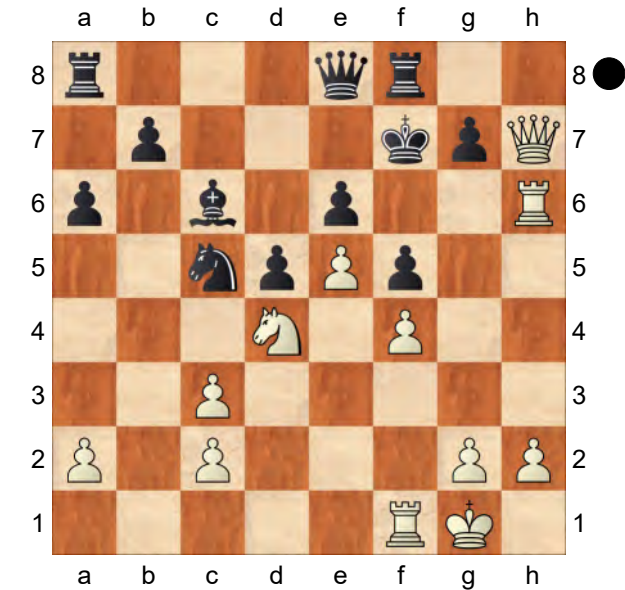
[20.Rg3 -1.05/24 Ke7 21.Rxg7+ Kd8 22.Nxc6+ bxc6 23.Qh4+ Kc8 24.Qf2]

(Diagram)

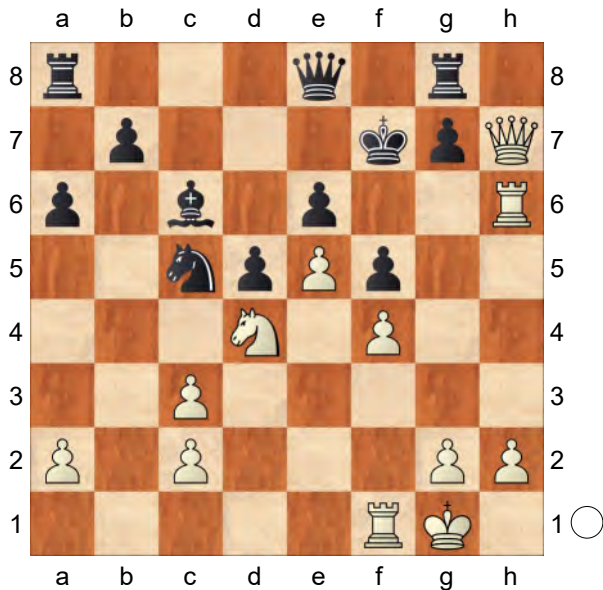
20...Rg8? 3.55/21

[20...Rh8 21.Rf6+ Ke7 22.Qxg7+ Kd8 23.Rf7 (23.Rxe6 Nxe6 24.Nxe6+ Qxe6)]

[20...Ke7! -1.56/22 And now ...Qe8-f7 would win. 21.Qxg7+ Qf7 22.Qg5+ (22.Nxc6+? bxc6 23.Qg3 Rg8+-)



22...Kd7]



21.Nxe6!+- Qxe6 22.Rxe6 Nxe6

23.Qxf5+ Ke7 24.Qh3? 1.34/22
[24.Qg6+- 3.46/22 is more deadly.
Be8 25.Qg4]

24...g6± 25.c4 Really sharp! 25...Rad8
26.Qa3+ 0.96/24

[Better is 26.Qh7+ 1.27/19 Rg7
27.Qh4+ Kd7 28.cxd5 Bxd5
29.Rd1]

26...Ke8 27.c5 0.34/22
[27.Rd1± 0.73/22]

27...d4± 28.h4 Rd5 0.88/23

[28...Ke7= 0.10/19]

29.Qh3 0.57/21

[29.Qg3± 0.88/23]

29...Ke7 30.h5 gxh5 White must now
prevent ...Rg8-g4. 31.Qh4+ 0.01/23

[31.Rf2!± 0.53/22]

31...Kd7= aiming for ...Rd5xe5! 32.Rf2
Rxc5 1.02/21

[32...Nxc5= -0.01/23 33.Qxh5 Kc8]

33.Qxh5± Qh5-f7+ is the strong threat.

[33.f5 Ng5]

33...Rg7 2.17/22 Prevents Qh5-f7+.

[33...Rxc2+? 34.Rxc2 Bxc2 35.Qf7+
Kc6 36.Qxe6+ Kb5 37.Qb3+ Kc6
38.Qe6+ Kb5 39.Kxc2+-]

[33...Kc8± 0.99/22 was worth a try.]

34.Qh4? 0.61/21

[34.f5+- 2.17/22 Rxe5 35.Qh8
(35.fxe6+ Rxe6 36.Qf5 Rge7+-)
35...Re1+ 36.Kh2]

34...Rb5? 3.99/22

[Black should try 34...d3!± 0.61/21
35.cxd3 Rc1+ 36.Kh2 Nxf4]

35.f5+- Ng5

[35...Rb1+? 36.Kh2 Ng5 37.e6+
Kc7 38.Qf4+ (38.Qxd4 Rh7+
39.Kg3 Ne4+ 40.Kf4 Nxf2=) 38...Kc8
39.f6 Rh7+ 40.Kg3+-]

36.e6+

[And not 36.Qxd4+ Ke8 37.Kf1
Rd5=]

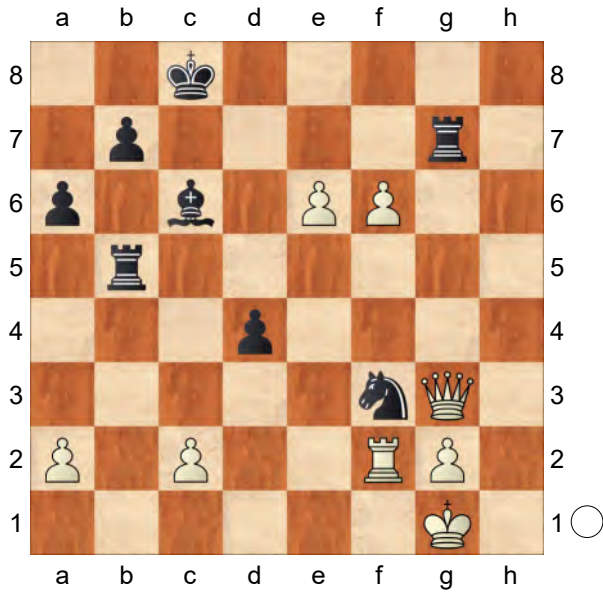
36...Kc7 Threatens to win with ...Rb5-
b1+. 37.Qg3+ Kc8 38.f6 Nf3+?
13.26/24

[38...Rg6 3.81/24]

(Diagram)

39.Qxf3! Promotion. White is clearly
winning. 39...Bxf3

[39...Rb1+ 40.Rf1]



40.fxg7 Rg5 41.Rxf3 Intending Rf3-f8+ and mate. **41...Rxf7 42.Rf8+ Kc7 43.Rf7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.52
1-0

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ De Vere

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[Naruemon]

C65

1868

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3... Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.e5 Ne4 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nxd4 -0.12/22

[White should try 7.Re1± 0.38/21 Nc5 8.Nxd4]

7...Nxd4 0.45/20

[7...0-0= -0.12/22]

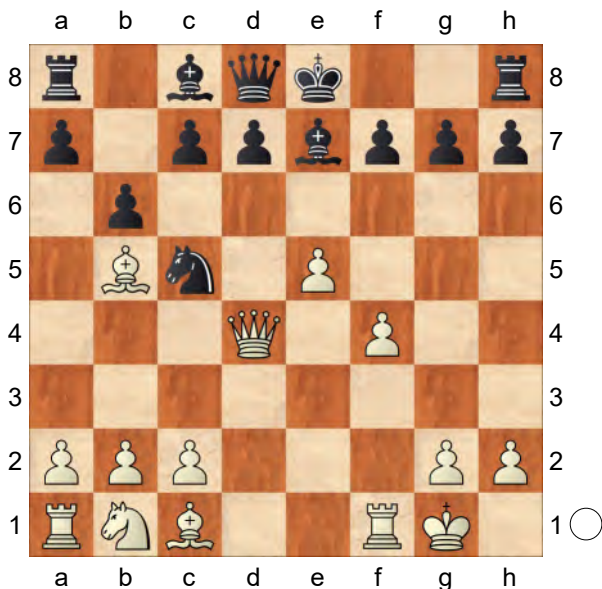
8.Qxd4± Nc5 9.f4 -0.29/21

[9.Nc3± 0.53/20]

9...b6 1.19/21

[9...c6= -0.29/21 keeps the balance.

10.Be2 0-0]



10.f5!± Strongly threatening f5-f6.

10...Nb3 2.32/23 11.Qg4

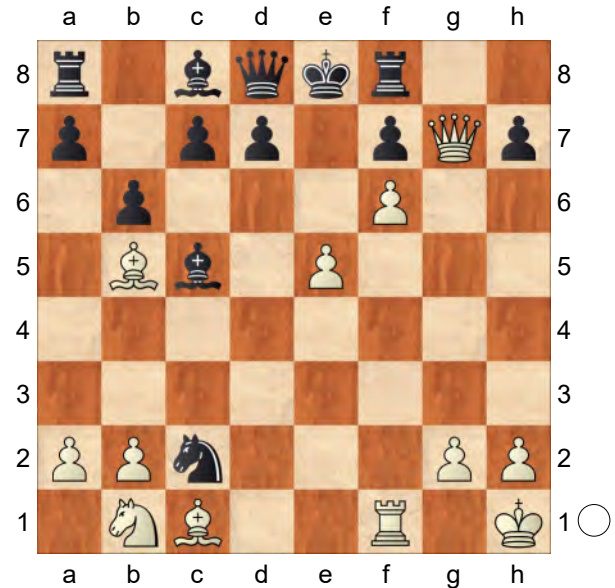
[Wrong is 11.axb3? Bc5 12.Qxc5 (12.Bxd7+? Qxd7 13.Qxc5 bxc5-+) 12...bxc5±]

11...Nxa1 12.Qxg7 Rf8 13.f6 0.63/23
0x0. 001c6a9570d4dp-1022s more active pieces.

[13.c3± 1.24/22]

13...Bc5+± 14.Kh1 Nxc2? 4.50/25

[14...c6± 0.50/24 15.Bd3 Qc7]



15.e6+- Nd4? #9/17

[15...c6+- 3.02/22]

16.exf7+ Rxf7 17.Re1+ White mates.

17...Be7 18.Qg8+ Rf8 19.f7#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=1.44

1-0

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Lee

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[Naruemon]

A03

1892

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 1.f4 d5
2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.d4 Nd7 5.c4

[5.Bd3 Nh6 (5...Ngf6 6.0-0 Ne4
7.c4 c6 8.Nc3 Ndf6 9.Ne5 0-0
10.h3 Bf5 11.Ne2 h5 12.b3 Rc8
13.Bb2 e6 14.Rc1 h4 15.Qe1 Nh5
16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Nf3 Bf6 18.Qf2
Bd3 19.Rfd1 Bxe2 20.Qxe2
Mihajlov, S (2375)-Doluhanova, E
(2288) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0
(52)) 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nbd2 Nf5 8.Qe2
Ng4 9.Nb3 0-0 10.c3 Nd6 11.Ne5
Nf6 12.Nd2 Bf5 13.Bxf5 Nxf5
14.Nd3 Nd6 15.Nf2 Rc8 16.e4 dxe4
17.Nfxe4 Qd7 18.Nc5 Qc6 19.a4 e6
Tsoi, D (2321)-Savchenko, B (2577)
Moscow 2019 1-0 (43)]

5...e6 6.Nc3N

[6.Nbd2 c5 7.Ne5 cxd4 8.exd4
Ngf6 9.c5 0-0 10.b4 Nh5 11.g3 f6
12.Nef3 f5 13.Bd3 a5 14.Ba3 Ndf6
15.Ne5 Ne4 16.Ndf3 Re8 17.b5 a4
18.0-0 Bf8 19.Rc1 b6 20.Nc6 Qf6
Klicker, F (2008) -Radtker, E (1986)
Voelklingen 2012 1-0 (31)]

[6.c5 c6 7.Nc3 b6 8.cxb6 axb6
9.Bd2 Ngf6 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.Bd3 0-0
12.Qe2 b5 13.b3 Qe7 14.0-0 Rfc8
15.g4 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Nd7 17.a4
bxa4 18.Nxa4 f6 19.exf6 Bxf6
20.Rac1 e5 Kanev, V-Chesnokov, G
(2046) Syktyvkar 2007 1-0 (52)]

6...Ngf6 7.b3 0-0 8.Bd3 The position is
equal. 8...b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.a4 -0.19/18

[Δ10.Bb2 0.13/17]

10...c5= 11.Ne5 Ne4 12.Bxe4 dxe4
13.Ba3 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Qg5 15.Qe2

Rfd8 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nd6 Rxd6
18.exd6 cxd4 19.Qf2 -0.75/20

[19.Bb2± 0.61/20 stays ahead.]

19...f5↑ Black is really pushing. 20.h4
-1.38/20

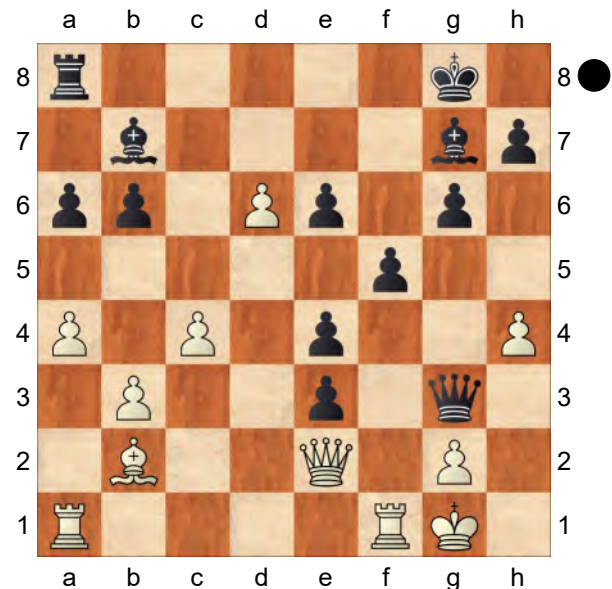
[Δ20.exd4 -0.73/21 e3 21.Qg3
(21.Qb2? Bxd4 22.Qe2 Bxa1-+)
21...Qxg3 22.hxg3]

20...dxe3? 0.26/21 21.Qe2? -1.83/21

[21.hxg5= 0.26/21 exf2+ 22.Kxf2
Bd4+ 23.Ke2]

21...Qg3-+ And now ... Bg7-e5 would
win. 22.Bb2 -2.79/20

[22.Qe1 -1.70/22 is a better defense.
Be5 23.Qxg3 Bxg3 24.Ra2]



22...f4! Hoping for ...f4-f3.

[22...Qxd6 23.Bxg7 Kxg7
24.Qxe3= (24.Rad1 Qc7±)]

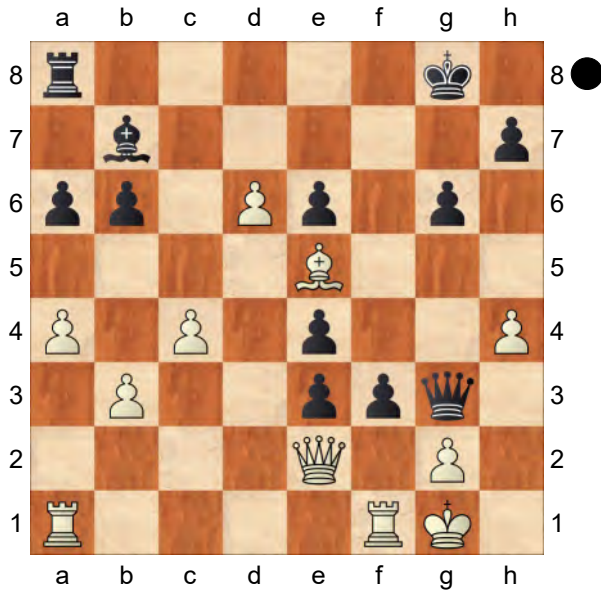
[22...Bxb2 23.Qxb2 Rd8 24.Qf6
Rxd6 25.Ra2±]

23.Bxg7 f3 Discovered Attack

[Much less strong is 23...Kxg7
24.Qb2+ Kh6 25.Qe5±]

24.Be5!

(Diagram)



Qg4

[Not 24...fxe2 25.Bxg3 exf1N
26.Kxf1±]

[Less strong is 24...Qxe5 25.Qxe3
Qxd6 26.Rad1±]

25.Qb2 e2 26.Rf2 e3 Chess con chili.

27.Bh8 exf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qxh4+ 29.g3

Qh2+ 30.Ke3 Qh6+ 31.Kd3 -5.46/23

[31.Kf2 -3.58/22 was the only chance.
Rd8 32.Qe5]

31...Qf8 Black is clearly winning. **32.Be5**

Qf5+ 33.Ke3 Qe4+ -3.16/18

Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/
Black=0.14 (very precise)

[Δ33...Rf8 -6.90/20 34.Kf2 Qh3]

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Riemann, F..

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[Naruemon]

C28

C28: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nc6
 1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bc4
 Bb4 5.d3 d6 6.h3 Be6 7.Bb3 Ne7

[7...h6 8.Bd2 Bxb3 9.axb3 0-0
 10.0-0 Re8 11.Nd5 Bxd2 12.Nxf6+
 Qxf6 13.Qxd2 a6 14.c3 Rad8
 15.Rfe1 Ne7 16.Qc2 Ng6 17.Nd2
 Nf4 18.Kh2 Re6 19.g3 Ng6 20.Nc4
 Ne7 21.Ne3 c6 22.Ng4 Barszcz, M
 (1335) -Reda, P Chelm Lubelski 2010
 1-0 (48)]

[7...Nd4 8.0-0 Bxb3 9.axb3 Ne6
 10.Ne2 Bc5 11.Ng3 Nd7 12.c3 Bb6
 13.b4 Qf6 14.Nh2 h5 15.Nf5 g6
 16.Ne3 Nf4 17.Nc4 g5 18.Nxb6
 Nxb6 19.g3 Nxh3+ 20.Kg2 Qe6
 21.Qf3 g4 22.Qf5 Yermolenko, V
 (2261)-Berdnikov, R Anapa 2010 1-0
 (37)]

[7...0-0 8.Bd2 a5 9.Qe2 Ra6 10.0-0
 Qd7 11.Kh2 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 a4
 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.a3 Nh5 15.Bd2
 Ne7 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qxh5 Ng6
 18.Bc3 Qf7 19.Bxe5 Ra5 20.d4
 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Qxh5 0-1 (21) Robers,
F (1566)-Bernitt, S (1846) freechess.
de 2017]

8.Bd2 Ng6 The position is equal. 9.Ne2
 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2

[Much worse is 10.Kxd2 d5 11.exd5
 Nxd5]

10...c6 11.c3 d5 12.Qc2 Qb6 13.0-0
 0-0 14.Ng3 Rae8 15.Rae1 Nd7
 0.15/20

[15...h6 -0.17/18]

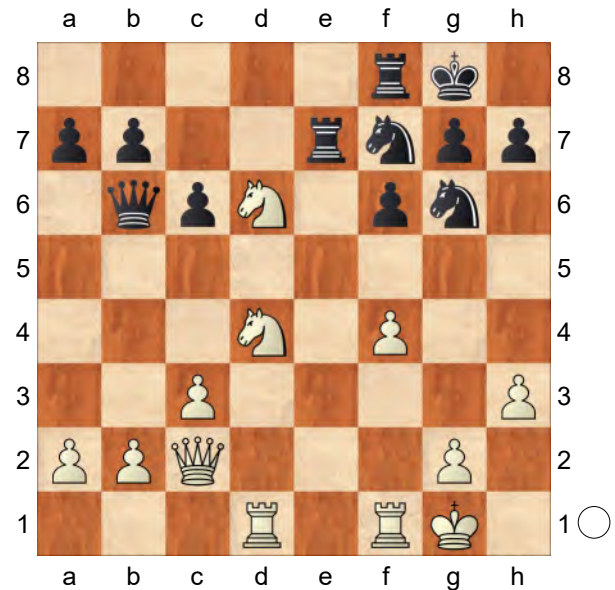
16.d4= f6 17.Rd1 dxe4 18.Bxe6+
 Rxe6 19.Nxe4 Re7 20.Nd6 exd4

1.15/23

[20...Qc7± 0.46/21 21.Nf5 Ree8]

21.Nxd4± Strongly threatening Nd4-f5.

21...Nde5 22.f4 Nf7



23.N6f5 0.56/22 & Bianco is more active.

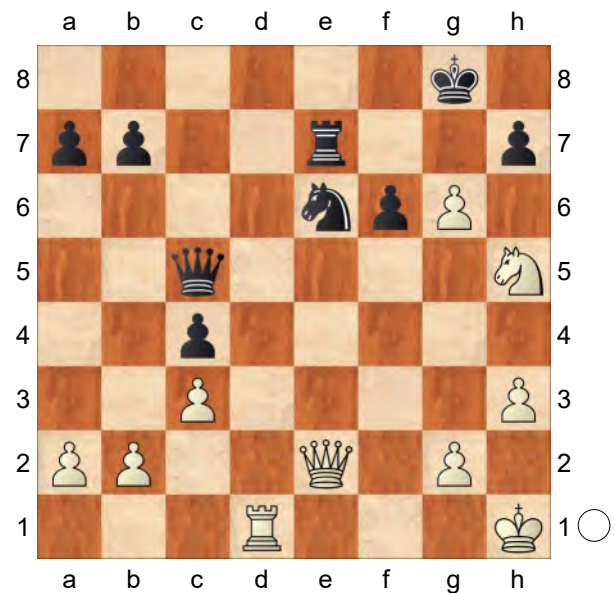
[23.c4!± 0.89/22]

23...Rd7 24.Qe2 c5? 3.71/23

Loses the game.

[24...Rfd8!± 0.54/21]

25.Ne6+- Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Re8
 White must now prevent ...Ng6xf4.
 27.Nfxg7 Re7 28.f5 Ng5 29.Nh5
 Nxe6 30.fxg6 c4+ 31.Kh1 Qc5



32.Qxe6+ Rxe6 33.Rd8+ Qf8
34.Rxf8+ Kxf8 35.gxh7 Weighted Error
Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.
47
1-0

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A03

□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Taubenhaus, Jean

07.17 R06 GER Hambur

1885

[Naruemon]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 1.f4 d5
2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2
c5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bb5 0-0

[7...Bd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 a6 10.Bd3
b5 11.Ne2 c4 12.bxc4 bxc4
13.Bxh7+ Nxh7 14.Ng3 Bf6 15.Bxf6
Qxf6 16.Nh5 Qe7 17.Ne5 Nxe5
18.fxe5 Qg5 19.Rb1 Rab8 20.Qf3
Rxb1 21.Rxb1 Qxe5 22.Qg4
Schwenke, N (1576)-Schulz, G (1795)
Binz 2017 0-1 (35)]

8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 Qc7

[9...Ba6 10.Ne2 c4 11.bxc4 Bxc4
12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qc7 14.Ng4
Nd7 15.Rf3 f6 16.Rg3 Kh8 17.Rh3
Rfb8 18.Bc3 Bb4 19.Bxb4 Rxb4
20.c3 Rb2 21.Qf2 Rab8 22.Qh4 Nf8
23.Rg3 Qf7 24.Rf1 Ohnmacht, R
(1979)-Behm, S (2243) Ditzingen 2006
0-1]

10.Qe1N

[10.Na4 Ba6 11.d3 Bb5 12.Be5
Qd7 13.Nb2 a5 14.c4 Ba6 15.Na4
Rfd8 16.Nb6 Qb7 17.Nxa8 Qxa8
18.Qe2 Qb7 19.Rab1 Qd7 20.Rfd1
h6 21.Bc3 Ra8 22.Qe1 Qa7
23.Bxa5 Bxc4 24.bxc4 Qxa5
Brkic, M (2143)-Hadzialic, B (1702)
Sarajevo 2011 1-0]

[10.Ne2 Ba6 11.d3 Rfd8 12.Qe1 c4
13.dxc4 dxc4 14.Ne5 Nd5 15.Rf3
cxb3 16.axb3 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Bf6
18.g4 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Qe7 20.g5
Rd7 21.Qc4 c5 22.Ra5 Rc8 23.e4
Nb6 24.Qe2 c4 Smith, E-Grossman, J
Flint 1992 ½-½ (51)]

10...Ba6 11.d3 Rab8 0.34/18

[11...c4= -0.15/21]

12.Qg3 -0.01/13

[12.Na4± 0.34/18]

12...Ne8 0.64/17

[Better is 12...c4!= -0.01/13]

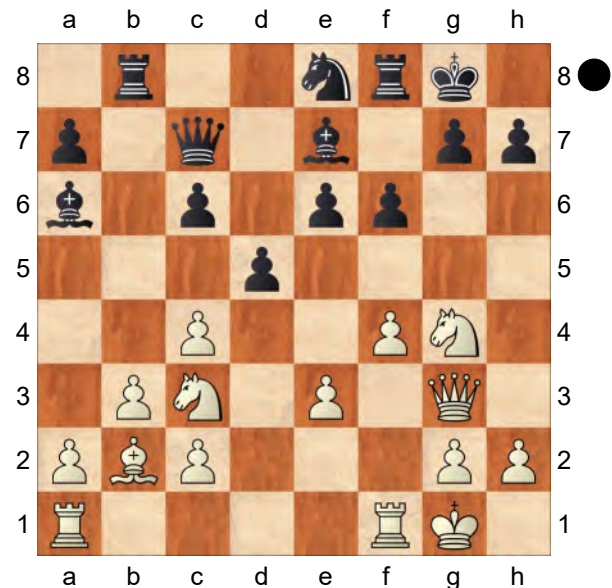
13.Ne5 -0.06/20 & Bianco is more active.

[White should try 13.Na4± 0.64/17]

13...f6= 14.Ng4 -0.32/17

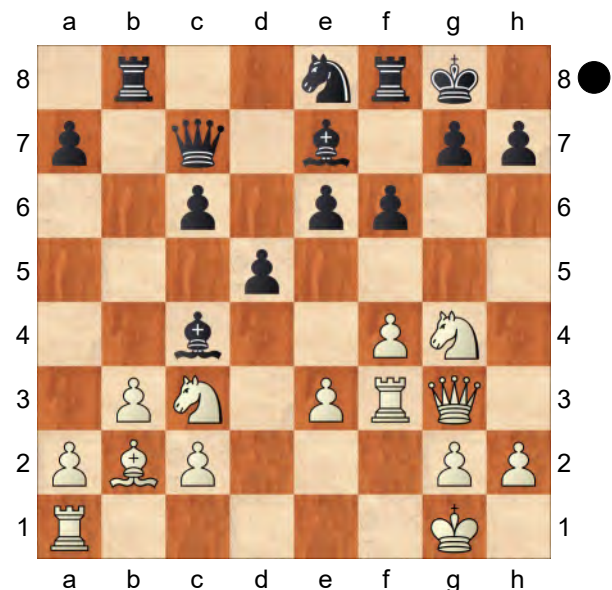
[14.Nf3= 0.01/18 might be stronger.]

14...c4 15.dxc4



Bxc4! 16.Rf3

[16.Rfe1 Ba6]



16...Ba6! 17.Qh3 f5 Against e3-e4
18.Ne5 Nf6 19.Rg3 Bd6 20.Qh6 Rb7
-0.01/21

[20...Rbe8 $\bar{\text{f}}$ -0.40/22 feels stronger.]

21.Na4 -0.42/22

[21.Nd1! = -0.01/21]

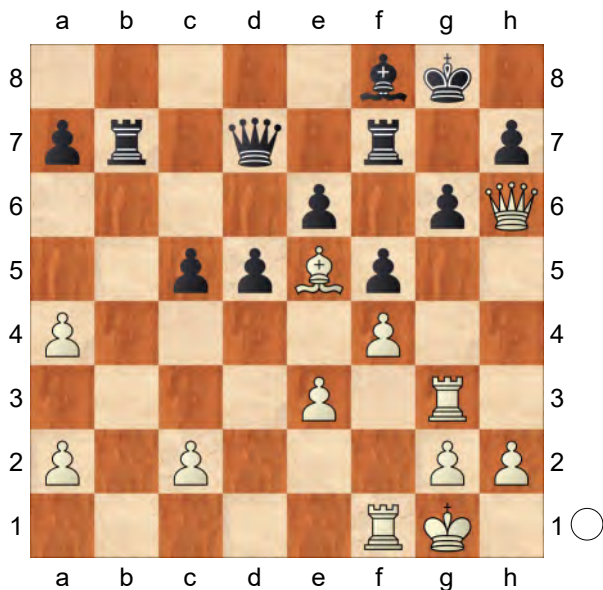
21...Bb5 $\uparrow$ Hoping for ...Bb5xa4. Black
has good play. 22.Nd7 -0.92/24 Qxd7 $\bar{\text{f}}$
23.Bxf6 Rf7 Threatens to win with ...
Kg8-f8. 24.Bc3 -1.34/23

[White should play 24.Bd4 -0.93/23]

24...Bxa4 25.bxa4 c5 26.Rf1
And now Bc3xg7! would win. 26...Bf8
27.Be5 g6? 2.79/24

[And not 27...Qxa4 28.Qxe6 Qd7
29.Qa6 $\bar{\text{f}}$]

[27...Re7 $\bar{\text{f}}$ -1.22/22 28.a5 g6]



This costs Black the game. 28.Rxg6+!-
Bg7

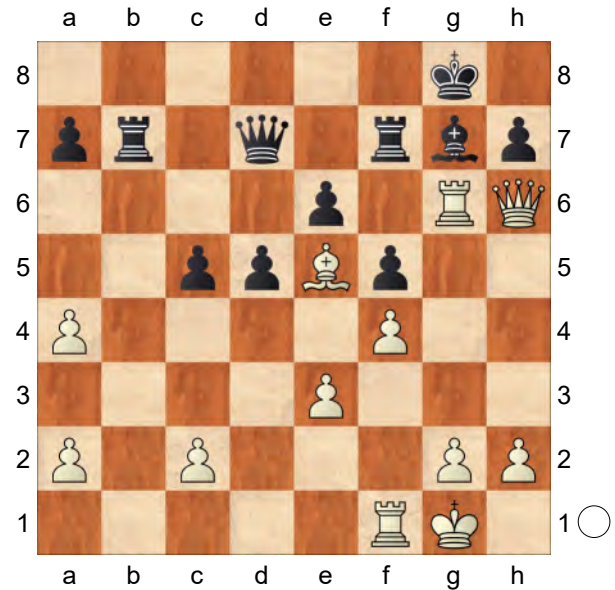
[28...Rg7 29.Bxg7]

(Diagram)

29.Bxg7! Rxg7 30.Rxg7+

[Not 30.Rxe6 Rb2 31.Rc1 Rxa2+-]

30...Qxg7 31.Qxe6+ Endgame KQR-



KQR 31...Qf7 32.Qc8+ Kg7 33.Qxc5
Qe6 34.Rd1 Rd7 35.Qd4+ Kg6 36.c4
Qd6 4.55/21

[Δ 36...Re7 2.94/18 37.cxd5 Qxe3+
38.Qxe3 Rxe3]

37.cxd5 Qa3 8.21/22

[Δ 37...Qf6 4.48/20 38.Qd3 Kg7]

38.d6 Strongly threatening e3-e4.

38...Qxa2 39.e4 aiming for Qd4-e5.

39...fxe4 40.Qxe4+ White mates.

40...Kg7 41.Qe5+ Kf7 42.Qf5+ Ke8

43.Re1+ Kd8 44.Qf8# Weighted Error

Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.61

1-0

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Van Vliet, Louis

ENG

[Naruemon]

A03

1893

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 1.f4 d5
2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3
Nf6 6.d4 b6

[6...0-0 7.b4 a5 8.b5 dxc4 9.Bxc4
c5 10.bxc6 bxc6 11.Ba3 Re8
12.Na4 Nbd7 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Qe2
Nb4 15.Ne5 Nb6 16.Bxb4 Nxc4
17.Bc5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Ba6 19.Qf3
Bxf1 20.Rxf1 Qc7 21.Bd6
Panic, N (2371)-Stojanovic, Z (2255)

Paracin 2010 1-0 (78)]

[6...c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bb5+ Nc6
9.dxc5 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Qb3 Bg4
12.Ba4 Rb8 13.Rd1 Qe7 14.Nxd5
Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Rbd8 16.Qg5 Rxd1+
17.Bxd1 Qd7 18.Bb3 Be6 19.Bd2
Bxb3 0-1 (19) Diaz Felez, F (1629)-
Diaz Rubi, F (2229) ICCF 2018]

7.Bd3N

[7.Be2 Bb7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nbd7
10.Bf3 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Ne4 12.Bxe4
dxe4 13.Qc2 f5 14.b4 Rf7 15.Ne2
c5 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Bb2 Rc8 18.Nf4
Re7 19.Rfd1 cxd4 20.exd4 Bh6
21.Bc1 Bxf4 Tartakower, S-Schlechter,
C Vienna 1917 1-0 (65)]

7...Bb7 8.cxd5 exd5 0.32/16

[8...Nxd5= -0.10/21 deserves
consideration. 9.0-0 0-0]

9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Ne5 Ne4 1.65/22

[10...c5= 0.20/17]

11.Nxe4+- Black must now prevent Ne4-
g3. 11...dxe4 12.Bb5 Bxe5 13.fxe5

[13.dxe5?! a6 14.Bc4 Qe7±]

13...Qe7 2.15/23

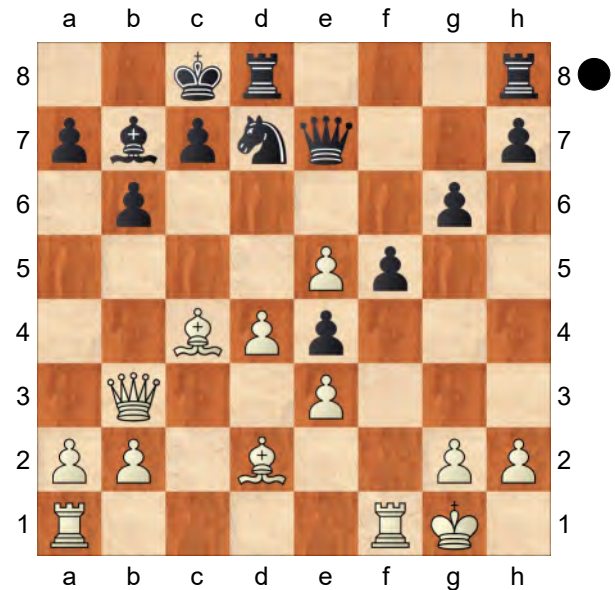
[13...Bd5 1.68/21 keeps fighting.
14.Qa4 Rc8]

14.Bc4 f5 15.Bd2

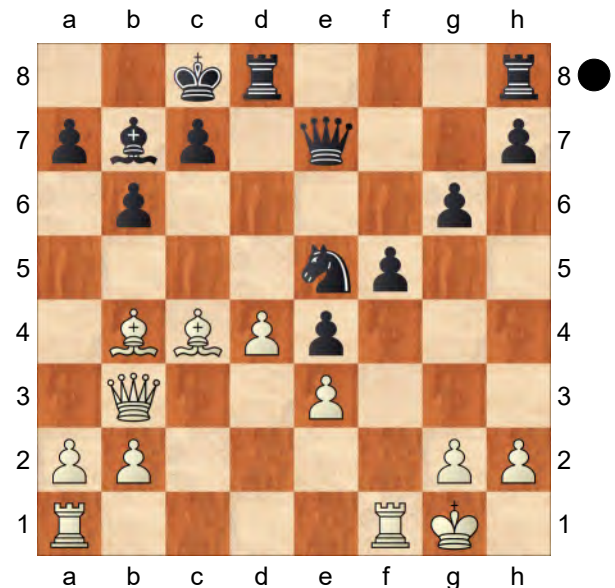
[15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Qa4+ Kf8]

15...0-0-0 16.Qb3? -0.20/18

[16.b4+- 2.01/19]



16...Nxe5!= 17.Bb4!



c5! 18.dxc5! bxc5

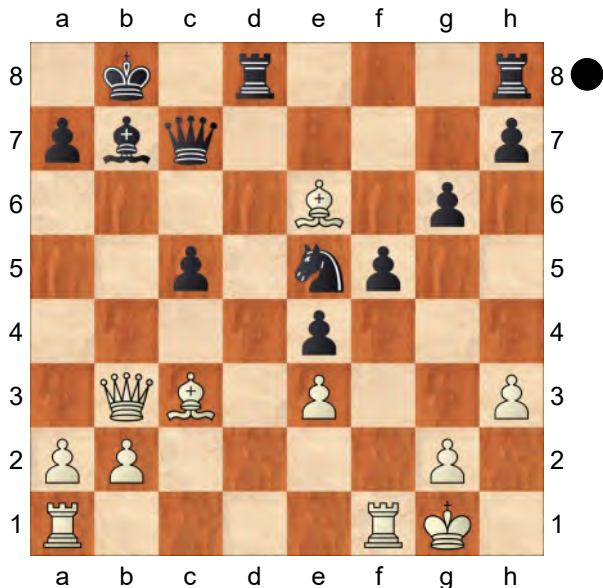
[Don't play 18...Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Qc7
20.Rac1±]

19.Be6+ -0.87/23 This bishop pair is
nice.

[19.Bc3= 0.23/22 Rhe8 20.Ba5]

19...Kb8? & Nero is more active. 20.Bc3

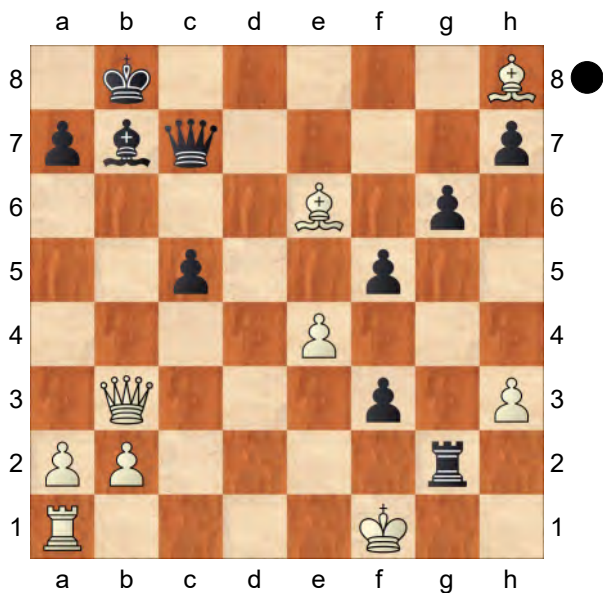
Qc7 And now ...Ne5-g4 would win.
21.h3 -3.63/22
 [Better is 21.Bc4 ♗ -0.47/22]



Inhibits Ne5-g4. 21...Nf3+!-+ 22.Rxf3?
-4.88/25

[Avoid the trap 22.gxf3? Qg3+
 23.Kh1 exf3 24.Be5+ Qxe5-+]
 [22.Kf2 -2.15/24 Nd2 23.Qb5 Nxf1
 24.Rxf1]

22...exf3 23.Bxh8 Rd2
 [Not 23...Rxb8 24.Bd5 ♗]
24.e4 Rxg2+ 25.Kf1



Rg1+!! Skewer 26.Kf2 Qg3+ -14.43/5
 [♠26...Qh2+ -#4/10 27.Kxf3 Rg3+
 28.Kf4 Rg2+ 29.Kf3 Qg3#]
27.Ke3 f2+ Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/
Black=0.48
0-1

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A02

□ Bird/Hewitt

■ Macdonnell G/Pollock

ENG

1885

[Naruemon]

A02: Bird's Opening [The following game is, we believe, the longest game on record as regards the number of moves, and it is also remarkable in other respects. It was played in the fifth round of the handicap of the City of London Chess Club between Messrs. Bird and Potter. Its issue was of great importance, as the loser of this game was to be thrown out altogether while the winner secured, at least, the second prize, the two players having previously won a game each and made three draws. The game lasted sixteen hours, and was played in three sittings.] CPQC iv (Apr. 1875) pp.240-3 notes by Wisker, not input 1.f4 f5 2.e3 Nf6 3.b3 e6 4.Bb2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0

[5...b6 6.c4 Bb7 7.Nc3 c5 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.Rd1 d6 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Qc8 12.d4 Ng4 13.Qc1 a6 14.d5 exd5 15.Nxd5 Qd8 16.h3 Nf6 17.Ng5 Bc8 18.Bf3 Bd7 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Bd5+ Heym-Mittelmeyer Bird-Defence [Oleinikov] 1-0]

6.Bd3N

[6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 (7.c4 Nc6 8.0-0 d5 9.Na3 d4 10.exd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.d3 Bxa3 13.Bxa3 Rf7 14.Bf3 Qc7 15.Qe2 Ng4 16.Bc1 Bd7 17.h3 Nh6 18.Bb2 Qd6 19.Bxb7 Rb8 20.Bf3 Qxf4 21.Rae1 Qd6 Breyer,G-Sterk,K Debrecen 1913 EXT 2002 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (66) 22.Qe5 Qxe5 23.Rxe5 Rd8 24.Be2 Bc8 25.Rf4 Rfd7 26.Rxe6 g5 27.Rf2 Nf7 28.Bh5 f4 29.Rfe2 Bb7 30.Re7

Nh6 31.R2e5 Rxe7 32.Rxe7 Bc8 33.Rxa7 Bf5 34.Ra5 Bxd3 35.Rxg5+ Bg6 36.Bxg6 hxc6 Brewer,H-Walker, E corr 1874 UltraCorrX [CPQC iv (Apr. 1875) pp.240-3] 0-1 (66)) 7...Nc6 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.Nxc6 Qxc6 10.Bf3 Qc7 11.c4 a6 12.Nc3 Ra7 13.g3 b6 14.d4 cxd4 15.exd4 Bb7 16.a3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Ng4 18.h3 Nh6 19.Rad1 Bf6 20.Rf2 Nf7 Potter,W-Bird,H London 1879 Collected Works [Steinitz, W.] 0-1 (143)]

6...b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Nc3 The position is equal. 8...Na6 9.Bc4 c5 10.Ng5 h6 11.Nf3 Kh7 12.Ne5 Qe8 13.Be2 Nc7 14.Bf3 d5 15.a4 a6 16.Qe2 Bd6 17.Nd1 Rb8 0.66/19

[17...a5= 0.21/19]

18.Nf2± Rg8 19.h4 0.19/18 &Bianco is much more active.

[19.Kh1± 0.74/18]

19...Ne4 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nh3 -0.01/21

[21.c4 0.30/22 deserves consideration.]

21...Nd5= 22.g4! fxg4 23.Ng5+ -1.87/21 hxg5+ 24.hxg5 Bxe5

[Inferior is 24...Qh5 25.g6+ Kh6 26.Nf7+ Kxg6 27.Nxd6=]

25.Bxe5 Rd8 26.Kg2 -2.25/23

[♠26.Qxg4 -1.84/24 Rh8 27.Kf2]

26...Rh8 aiming for ...Kh7-g6.

[26...Qh5? 27.Rh1 Qh3+ 28.Rxh3+ gxh3+ 29.Kxh3+-]

27.Qxg4 Rf1-h1+ is the strong threat.

27...Kg8 28.c4 -2.97/22

[28.Rh1 -1.84/21 might work better. Rxh1 29.Rxh1]

28...Nb4? -0.01/22

[Better is 28...Ne7+- -2.97/22 29.Qxe6+ Qf7 30.Qxf7+ Kxf7]

29.Bc3 -3.28/23

[29.Rh1!= -0.01/22 Rxh1 30.Rxh1]

29...Bc8 And now ...e6-e5! would win.
30.Rh1 Rxh1 31.Rxh1 Black must now prevent g5-g6. **31...Qg6!**

[31...Kf7? 32.Rh7 Rxd2+ 33.Bxd2+-]

32.Rh5 Na2? 0.01/26

[32...e5+- -3.44/21 33.Qh4 Kf7]

33.Qh4= White wants to mate with f4-f5!

33...Kf7? 2.85/27

[33...Re8!= 0.01/26 and Black has nothing to worry. 34.Rh8+ Kf7 35.Bxg7 Rxh8 36.Qxh8 Qf5]

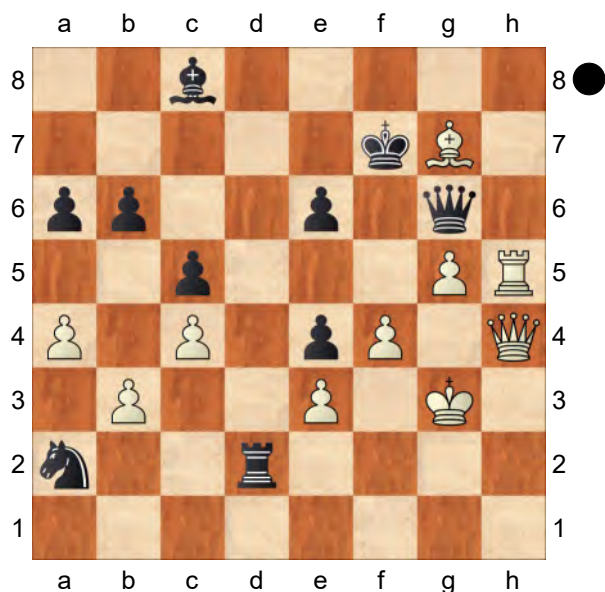
34.Bxg7!+- Rxd2+ 3.78/23

[34...Qxg7? 35.Rh7 Rg8 36.Qh6 Qxh7 37.Qxh7+ Rg7 38.Qxe4+-]

[34...Kxg7 2.61/24 35.Rh6 Qf5]

35.Kg3?? -2.65/24

[35.Kf1+- 3.78/23 Rd1+ 36.Ke2 Qxg7 37.Rh7 Nc3+ 38.Kf2 Rd2+ 39.Kg3]



35...Nc1!+-

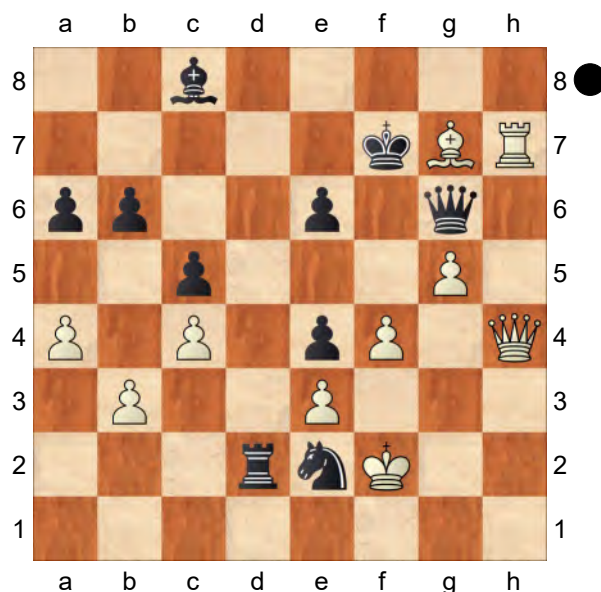
[35...Kxg7? 36.Rh6 Qxh6 37.Qxh6+ Kg8 38.Qg6+ Kf8 39.Qh7+-]

[35...Qxg7? 36.Rh7+-]

36.Rh7? -4.82/30

[36.Bc3 -2.32/24 Ne2+ 37.Kh2 Nxf4+ 38.Bxd2 Nxe5 39.Kg1]

36...Ne2+ 37.Kf2



Nxf4+? 0.01/25

[37...Kg8!+- -4.54/26 38.Rh8+ Kxg7 39.Rxc8 Nxf4+ 40.Kg1 Nh5 41.Rc7+ Kf8 42.Rc8+ Ke7]

38.Kg1? White is fighting back. The board is on fire. **38...Nh3+ 39.Qxh3 Bg7-f6+** would kill now. **39...Qxg5+**

[39...Kg8!? 40.Rh8+ Kxg7±]

40.Kf1 Intending Bg7-h6+ and mate.

40...Qf5+

[40...Kg6!? 41.Rh8 Qf5+ 42.Qxf5+ exf5=]

41.Qxf5+ exf5 Endgame KRB-KRB

42.Bc3+ Kg6 43.Rg7+ 0.01/24

[43.Bxd2± 0.32/26 feels stronger. Kxh7 44.a5]

43...Kh6 44.Rc7 Rd3 45.Be5

Hoping for a4-a5. **45...Bd7 46.Bf4+**

Kh5! 47.Rb7 Kg4 0.56/26

[Black should play 47...Kh4= 0.01/28]

48.Ke2 0.01/30

[White should try 48.Rxb6± 0.56/26 Be8 49.a5]

48...Be8 49.Rxb6 Bh5 50.Rxa6 Kh3+

51.Kf2 Rxb3 52.Rh6 Kg4 0.38/25

[52...Kh4= 0.01/28]

53.a5± Bf7 54.a6 Ra3 55.Rh7 Ra2+

56.Ke1 Ra1+ 1.19/25

[56...Bxc4= 0.29/24 remains equal.
57.Rg7+ Kh4]

57.Kd2± Bxc4 58.a7 Bd5 59.Rd7
White has compensation. **59...Ba8**
0.65/21

[59...Be6= 0.23/24 is superior.
60.Rh7 Ra2+ 61.Kd1 Ra1+ 62.Kc2
Kf3]

60.Kc3± Kf3 1.04/22

[60...Ra4± 0.52/21]

61.Kc4± Ra5 62.Rf7 Bc6? 3.63/23

[62...Ke2± 0.98/24 63.Rc7 (63.Rxf5
Rxa7 64.Rf8 Ra5=) 63...Kf2]

63.Rxf5+- Threatening mate with Bf4-
c7+. **63...Ke2 64.Rxc5** White is clearly
winning. **64...Ra6 65.Rxc6 Ra4+**
12.72/31

[♠65...Rxa7 4.91/25 66.Bd6 Ra4+
67.Kb5 Ra8]

66.Kd5 Rxa7 67.Kxe4 Ra4+ 68.Kf5
Kf3 69.e4 Ra3 70.Be5 What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/
Black=0.53

1-0

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C24

□ Boden, Samuel Standidge

■ Bird, Henry Edward

London

04.1861

[Naruemon]

[source: Al Horowitz, The Golden Treasury of Chess, p. 44] C24: Bishop's Opening: 2...Nf6 1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Qe3 b6 0.26/21

[5...Bb4+! 0.69/20 6.c3 Be7]

6.Nc3 e4-e5 is the strong threat. 6...Bc5

7.Qg3 0-0 0.59/20

[7...Nh5= 0.12/19 should be considered. 8.Qg4 (8.Qf3 Nf6=) 8...d5 9.Qxh5 dxc4]

8.Bg5!± White is slightly better. 8...Re8 1.68/22

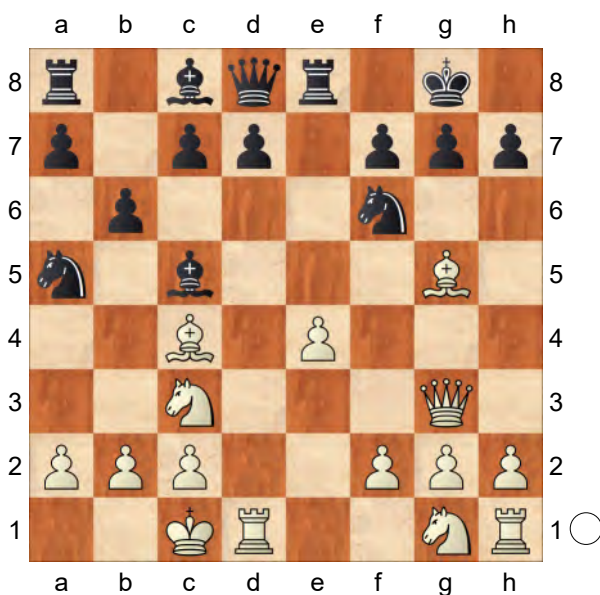
[8...Bb4± 0.38/19]

9.0-0-0+-

[Worse is 9.Bh6 Nh5 10.Qf3 Qf6! 11.Qxh5 Qxf2+ 12.Kd1 gxh6 0.69/20]

9...Na5? 3.55/22

[9...Ne5± 1.46/21]



10.Be2 1.47/21

[10.Bh6? Nh5 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7+-]

[10.e5!+- 3.55/22 Threatens to win with Bg5xf6. Rxe5 11.Bxf7+! (11.Qxe5 Nxc4 12.Qf4 Bb7+-) 11...Kxf7 12.Qxe5]

10...Be7± 11.f4 aiming for e4-e5.

11...Bb7 12.Bf3→ And now e4-e5

would win. Black is in trouble. 12...Kh8

13.h4 c5 2.51/20

[13...Ng8± 1.21/19]

14.Nge2 Rc8 2.89/22

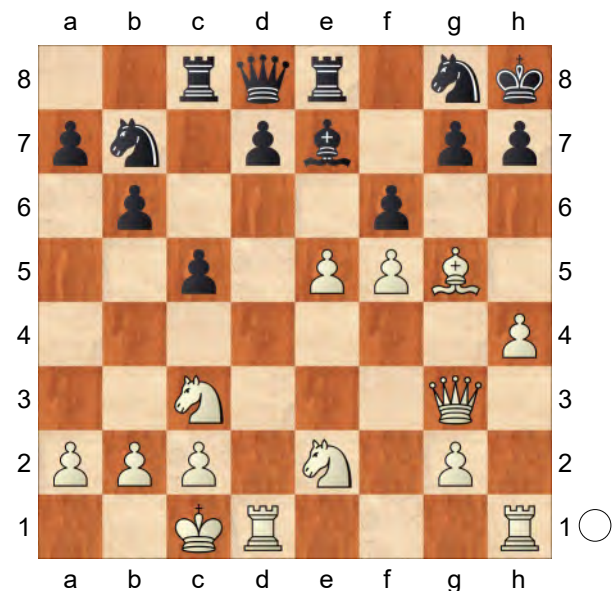
[14...Ng8 1.66/20 might work better.]

15.e5+- Ng8 16.Bxb7 Nxb7 17.f5

Hoping for e5-e6! 17...f6 3.38/20

[17...Rc6 2.41/20 keeps fighting.

18.Bf4 d6]



18.e6! d6

[18...fxg5 19.Rxd7]

19.Nf4 fxg5? 6.58/20

[19...b5 2.50/20 20.Ne4 Qc7]

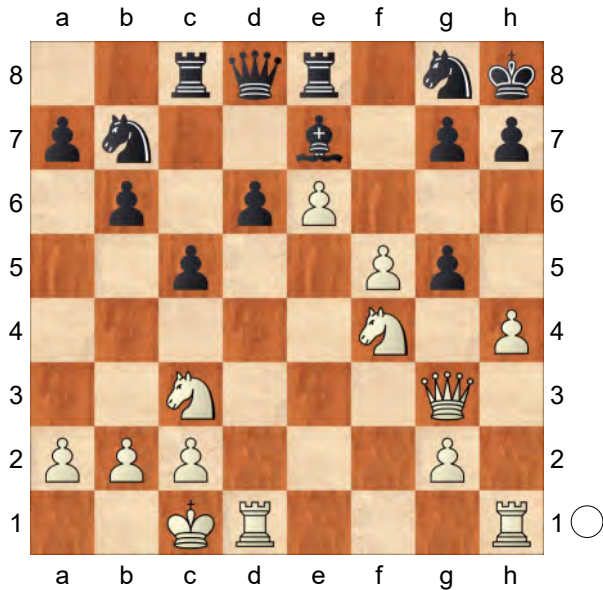
(Diagram)

20.Ng6+! hxg6 21.hxg5+ Nh6

22.gxh6 Bg5+ 23.Kb1 Bxh6? 14.91/24

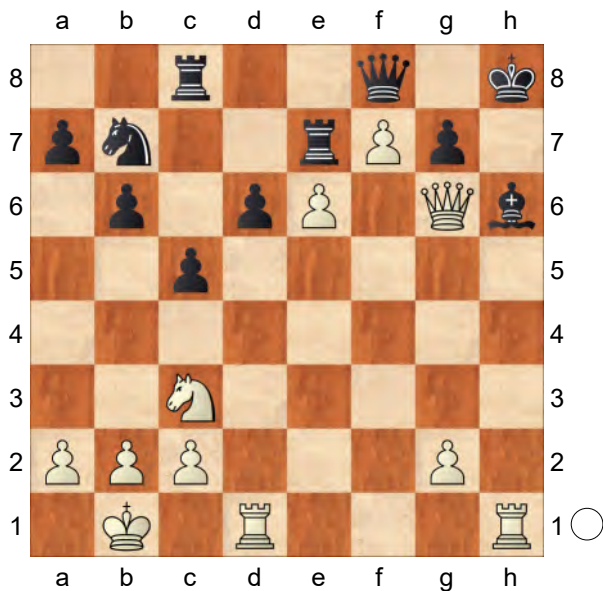
[23...gxh6 3.96/22 24.Ne4 Kg7]

24.Qxg6 Re7 25.f6 Qe8 26.f7 8.55/21



[♖26.fxg7+ #5/12 Kg8 27.Qxh6
Rxe6 28.Qh7+ Kf7 29.g8Q+ Kf6
30.Qgg7#]

26...Qf8



27.Rxh6+! 6.86/5 gxh6 28.Rh1 Rxe6
29.Qxe6 Kh7 30.Ne4 Ne4-g5+ would
kill now. 30...Rc7 31.Ng5+
White mates. 31...Kh8 32.Rxh6+ Qxh6
33.Qxh6# Black got outplayed after the
opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.
58/Black=1.07

1-0

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□ Falkbeer, Ernst Karl

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Match Bird-Falkbeer +7-7=3

[Naruemon]

D45

D45: Semi-Slav: 5.e3 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6
3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.Nc3 Bd6 6.Bd3
Nbd7 7.cxd5

[7.e4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4
0-0 10.0-0 h6 11.Bc2 e5 12.Qd3 f5
13.c5 Bc7 14.Qc4+ Kh8 15.dxe5
Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Bf4 Qd4
18.Qxd4 Bxd4 19.Rad1 Bxb2
20.Rfe1 Bf6 21.Rd6 b6 Durufle, A
(2634) -Zienkiewicz, J (2596)
Givatayim (rapid) 95/68 2002 CBM
068 [Shamkovich, Leonid; Kreiman, B]
½-½ (32)]

[7.0-0 0-0 8.e4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5
10.Bg5 Qe7 11.Re1 h6 12.Bh4 Re8
13.Rc1 exd4 14.Qxd4 Ne5 15.Be2
Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Be5 17.Qe3 Qb4
18.Qe2 Be6 19.a3 Qa5 20.Qc2 b5
21.Bg3 Bxg3 5.Nf3 b5 6.Bd3
Nd7_4683 (1777) -Vereschildt, S corr
2023 Schallopp-Riemann [John
Watson] 0-1 (52)]

7...exd5 8.Bd2N -0.34/20

[8.Qc2= 0.01/21
is more appropriate.]

[8.0-0 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.h3
(10.Bd2 Qe7 11.a3 Ne4 12.b4
Ndf6 13.h3 Bd7 14.Rab1 Rac8
15.Qb3 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Ne4 17.Qb2
Qf6 18.Ne5 Bf5 19.g4 Bg6 20.Kg2
Nxc3 21.Qxc3 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Qxe5
23.Qxe5 Rxe5 24.Bxg6 hxg6
Burgermeister, M (1689)-Roos, E
(2156) Riga 2009 Lexikon14 [Dragan
Solak] 0-1 (61)) 10...Nf8 11.a4 a5
12.b3 Qe7 13.Bb2 Ng6 14.Rae1
Ne4 15.Nh2 f5 16.Ne2 Qg5 17.f4

Qe7 18.Nf3 Be6 19.Rc1 Bb4
20.Nc3 Kh8 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.dxe5
Qh4 Stengel, H-Lourenco, E Havana
1982 Lexikon04 [Dragan Solak] 1-0
(31) 23.Qe2 g5 24.Nxe4 fxe4 25.f5
exd3 26.Qxd3 Kg8 27.fxe6 Rxe6
28.Qf5 Rae8 29.Qf7+ Kh8 30.Rf6
Rxe5 31.Qxe8+ 1-0 (31) Stengel, H-
Lourenco, E Rio de Janeiro 1982 ZUS
C73 [John Watson]]

8...b5 0.64/20

[8...0-0= -0.34/20]

9.Qc2 0.25/19

[9.e4!± 0.64/20 b4 10.e5! bxc3
11.Bxc3]

9...Bb7 0.76/20

[9...0-0= 0.25/19]

10.Ne2 0.00/20

[10.e4± 0.76/20 Threatens to win with
e4-e5. dxe4 11.Nxe4]

10...Rc8 11.Ng3 Bxg3 0.90/20

[11...0-0= 0.00/19 keeps the
balance.]

12.hxg3± Qe7 1.52/22

[Δ12...a5 0.82/20]

13.Rc1 a6 14.Nh4 0.50/22

[White should try 14.a3!± 1.47/22]

14...g6!± 15.a3

[15.Nxg6 fxg6 16.Bxg6+ Kf8=]

15...c5

(Diagram)

Inhibits Bd2-b4. 16.Bb4! 0-0 17.Bxc5
-0.20/22

[17.dxc5± 0.62/23 a5 18.Bxa5 Rxc5
19.Qd2 Rxc1+ 20.Qxc1]

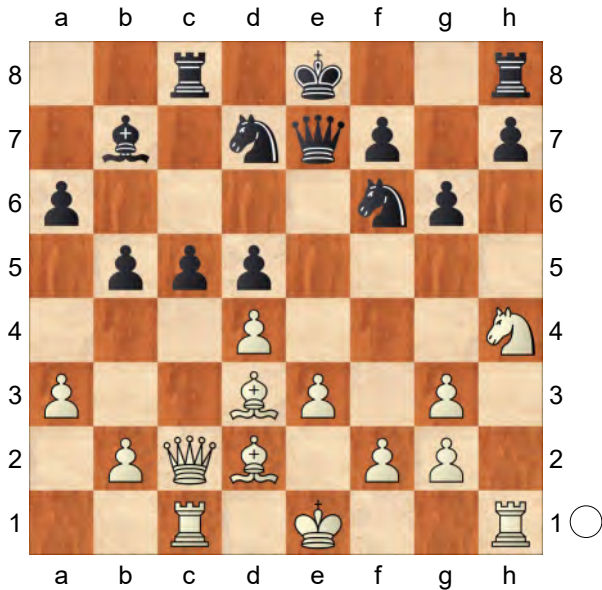
17...Nxc5= 18.dxc5 aiming for 0-0.

18...d4 19.b4 dxe3 20.0-0 Ng4 21.f4

Rcd8 Hoping for ...Ng4-f2. 22.Rce1
-1.54/22

[White should play 22.Rfe1!± -0.39/22]

22...Nf2↑ Black has strong initiative.



23.Be2 Ne4 24.Kh2 Nd2 25.Rh1 Qf6
-0.90/22

[Δ 25...Rfe8! **-1.43/21** 26.Qc3
 (26.c6? Rc8-+) 26...Qe6]

26.Kg1? -3.41/23

[26.Rc1 $\mp$ **-0.90/22** might work better.]

26...Be4 27.Qc1 Rfe8 Strongly
threatening ...Nd2-b3. 28.Qa1 Qc6

29.Qc3 f6? -0.01/23

[Better is 29...Qd5 $\mp$ **-1.52/21**
 ...Nd2-b1 is the strong threat. 30.Qf6
 Bd3]

30.Bg4? -1.97/22

[30.g4= **-0.01/23** and White has
 nothing to worry.]

(Diagram)

30...Rd3!-+ 31.Qc1 -2.43/21

[31.Qa1 $\mp$ **-1.60/22** keeps fighting.]

31...Qd5 And now ...Nd2-b3 would win.

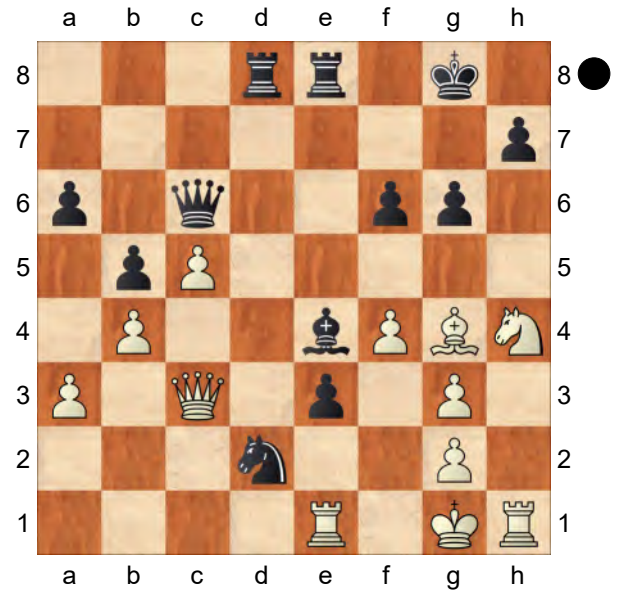
32.Be2? -4.04/19

[32.Qb2 **-2.48/21** Kg7 33.Be2]

32...Rd4 -2.04/23

[Δ 32...Nb3 **-4.04/19** 33.Qb2 Rd2]

33.Qc3 g5 34.fxg5 fxg5 35.Qxe3
-3.00/23



[35.Rh3 **-1.95/20** was worth a try.]

35...Bg6

[35...gxh4 36.Rxh4 Qd8 37.Rg4+
 Kh8 38.Qc3 $\pm$]

36.Qf2 gxh4 37.Rxh4 Rxh4 38.gxh4
Qf7 -0.97/22

[38...Qe6-+ **-2.09/22** is more deadly.
 39.Bc4 Qxc4 40.Rxe8+ Bxe8
 41.Qg3+ Kf7 42.Qc7+ Kg6 43.Qd6+
 Kf5 44.Qxd2 Qe4]

39.Qd4? -3.14/24

[39.Bg4 $\mp$ **-0.97/22** Rxe1+ 40.Qxe1]

39...Rxe2! 40.Qd8+? -6.24/27

[40.Rxe2 **-3.23/27** Qf1+ 41.Kh2
 Qxe2 42.Qd5+ Kg7 43.Qd4+ Kf7
 44.Qf4+ Ke6 45.Qd6+ Kf5 46.Qd7+
 Kf4 47.Qd5]

40...Kg7 41.Qd4+ Kh6 42.Rxe2 Qf1+
43.Kh2 Qxe2 Really sharp! Active
counter play! 44.Qf4+ Kg7 45.Qd4+
Kf7 46.Qd5+ -9.45/26

[46.Qd7+ **-3.19/25** Kf6 47.Qd8+ Kf5
 48.Qd7+ Kf4 49.Qd6+ Ke3 50.Qf6]

46...Kf6 47.Qd6+ Kf5 48.Qd7+ Kf4
49.Qd6+ Ke3 ($\rightarrow$... Nd2-f3+) 50.Qg3+
Nf3+? -3.45/5 Weighted Error Value:
White=0.88/ Black=0.43

0-1

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□ Falkbeer, Ernst Karl

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Match Bird-Falkbeer +7-7=3

[Naruemon]

B06

B06: Modern Defence 1.d4 g6 2.e4
Bg7 3.e5

[3.Nc3 c6 (3...a6 4.Be3 d6 5.Qd2
b5 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nd7 8.a4 b4
9.Na2 a5 10.c3 Ngf6 11.Bh6 0-0
12.h4 Bxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.Qe3
Ndf6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Ng5 d5
17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.cxb4

Massy, G (2113)-Overgaard, C (2337)

Plovdiv 2023 CT-0832 [John Watson]

0-1 (37)) 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.Bb3

0-0 7.0-0 b5 8.a3 a6 9.Bg5 h6

10.Bf4 Kh7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Re1 Nbd7

13.e5 Ne8 14.Ne4 d5 15.Nc5 Nxc5

16.dxc5 Nc7 17.Nd4 a5 Chandler, M

(2590)-Nikolic, P (2630) Linares

1988 C11-130 [Chandler, Murray G]

1-0 (36)]

3...d6 4.f4N

[4.Nf3 dxe5 5.dxe5 Qxd1+ 6.Kxd1

Nc6 7.Bf4 a6 8.Bc4 e6 9.Re1 b5

10.Bd3 Bb7 11.Be4 0-0-0+ 12.Bd3

Nb4 13.Re3 Nh6 14.h3 Nf5 15.Re4

Nxd3 16.cxd3 Bxe4 17.g4 Rxd3+

18.Ke2 Rxf3 Marjanusic, V (1232)-12.

Nxd5 cd5 13.Qd5_18581 (1383)

Foxwoods 84/467 1997 Lessons with

a GM [Keilhack/Schlenker] 0-1]

4...Nh6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 c6 0.23/17

[6...c5 ̄ -0.41/20]

7.Bd3 -0.23/19

[7.Bc4 0.23/17 is superior.]

7...Bg4 0.81/19

[7...c5= -0.23/19 remains equal.]

8.h3± & Bianco is more active. White is
better. 8...Be6 1.09/17

[8...Bxf3± 0.61/19

is more appropriate. 9.Qxf3 Na6]

9.g4 dxe5 1.24/21

[̐9...f6 0.80/21]

10.dxe5

[10.fxe5?! f6±]

10...f5 2.11/20

[10...Qb6± 1.03/19 keeps fighting.]

11.g5 Nf7 12.Be3 Against Qd8-b6

12...b6 2.53/23

[12...c5± 1.55/20 was necessary.]

13.Qe2+- aiming for h3-h4. 13...b5

14.Qg2 1.24/20

[14.h4+- 2.90/20]

14...Na6 2.55/20

[14...b4± 1.24/20 is a better
defense.]

15.h4 And now h4-h5 would win.

15...Nb4 16.Rd1 0.87/21

[16.0-0-0+- 2.10/21 has better
winning chances.]

16...Nd5? 2.97/21

[16...Nxd3+± 0.87/21 was called for.
17.Rxd3 Qe8]

17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.h5 Qa5+ 19.Kf2

Bxf3? 4.74/22

[19...Nh8 2.86/21 20.Qh3 (20.h6
Bxe5 21.fxe5 Nf7+-) 20...Rfd8]

20.Qxf3

[Not 20.Kxf3 Qxa2 21.b3 Rfd8
22.hxg6 hxg6]

20...Qxa2 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Qh3
2.57/22

[̐22.Qxc6 5.38/22 e6 23.Ra1]

22...Nh8 8.01/25

[22...Nxe5 2.57/22 23.fxe5 Qe6]

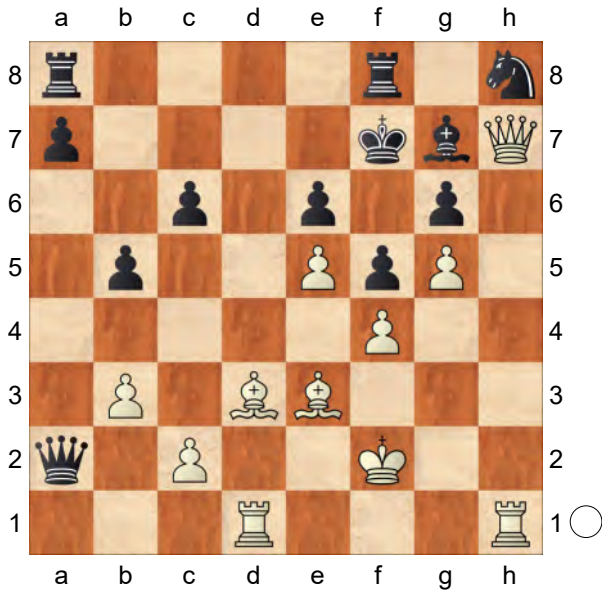
23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.b3 e5-e6+! is the
strong threat. 24...e6

(Diagram)

25.Bxf5! Intending Rd1-d7+ and mate.

25...Rfd8

[25...Rad8 26.Ra1]



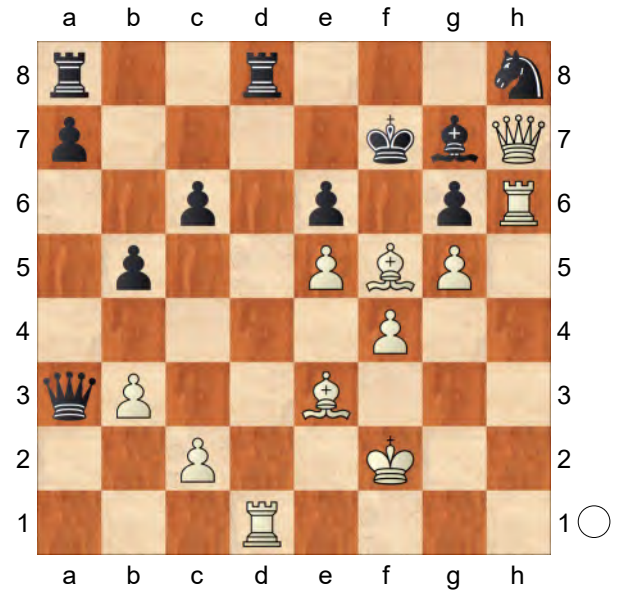
Inhibits Rd1-d7+. **26.Bd3** 7.67/22
[Δ 26.Rh6! 20.38/25 Qa3

(Diagram)

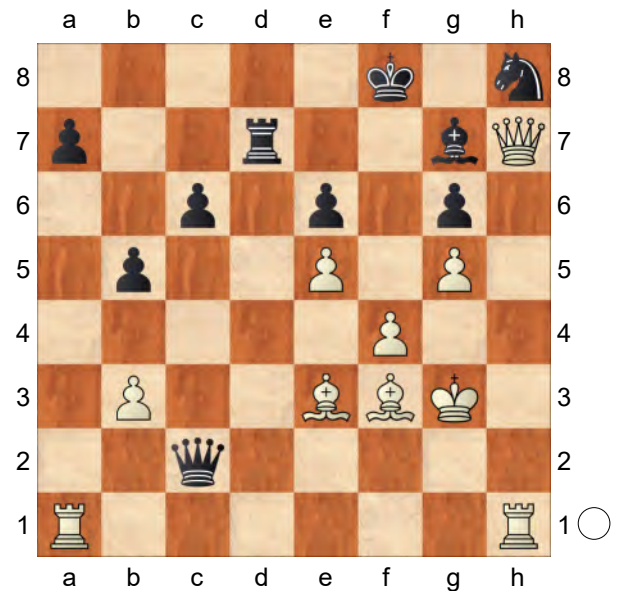
27.Bxe6+! Kxe6 28.Rxg6+ Nxg6
29.Qxg6+ Ke7 30.Qxg7+ Ke8
31.Qg6+ Ke7 32.Rh1]

26...Rd5 27.Be4 Rad8 28.Ra1 Qb2
29.Bxd5 Qxc2+ 30.Kg3 Rd7 31.Bf3
Threatening mate with Rh1-d1. **31...Kf8**

(Diagram)



32.Qxh8+! Bxh8 33.Rxh8+ Kg7
34.Rah1 Deutsche Schachzeitung 1857,
p. 102. Weighted Error Value: White=0.
50/Black=1.38
1-0



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□ Gunsberg, Isidor

■ Bird, Henry Edward

BCA Hereford BCA

[Naruemon]

B76

1885

B76: Sicilian Dragon: Yugoslav Attack, 9 g4 and 9 0-0-0 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Nd5 0.00/20

[7.Qd2± 0.31/20 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.0-0-0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qb6 14.Na4 Qc7 15.Bc4 Nb6 16.Nc5 Bf5 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe3 Nd5 19.Bxd5 cxd5 20.g4 d4 21.Qa3 Rd5 22.gxf5 Nolte, R (2387)-Makarov, N (2204) Penang 2022 0-1 (59)

[7.Bc4 Nf6 8.h3 0-0 9.Bb3 Na5 10.0-0 b6 11.Qd3 Bb7 12.Bd5 Qd7 13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.Rad1 Rac8 15.Rfe1 Nc4 16.Bc1 b5 17.b3 b4 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Ne5 20.Qe4 f5 21.Qe2 Qxd5 Nikolov, M (2405)-Mikhailov, S (2530) Dortmund 1994 Telechess CBM 89 [FS 12/1979 p311] ½-½]

7...Nf6

[7...e6!? 8.Nc3 Nge7=]

8.Nb5N -0.23/22

[8.Nxf6+ 0.19/19 was preferable. Bxf6 9.Bc4 (9.c3 0-0 10.Be2 Bd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Rc1 Qa5 13.a3 Rfd8 14.Nb5 Re8 15.b4 Qd8 16.c4 Be6 17.f4 a6 18.Nc3 Nb8 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Nc6 21.Qd2 e5 22.Bg4 Ra8 23.Qf2 exf4 Kulkarni, C-Usov, A Bled 1972 Chess Informant [Schirmer] 0-1 (53) 24.Qxf4 Ne5 25.Rcd1 Nxc4 26.Bc5 Qe7 27.Be2 Be5 28.Qc1 b5 29.Bxc4 bxc4 30.Be3 Rac8 31.Bg5 Qb7 32.Rd5 c3 33.Qc2 Rc4 34.Qd3 Rxe4

35.Kh1 Rg4 36.Bc1 Qc6 37.Qf3 Qd7 38.Ra5 Bg7 Kulkarni, C (2390)-Usov, A (2430) Yerevan (open) 68/291 1971 Chess Informant [Pickard] 0-1 (53)]

8...Nxd5 0.18/22

[8...0-0! -0.23/22 is superior.]

9.exd5= The position is equal. 9...Ne5

10.Bd4 f2-f4 is the strong threat. 10...0-0

11.f4 a6 12.Nc3

[Weaker is 12.fxe5 axb5 13.Qd2 dxe5±]

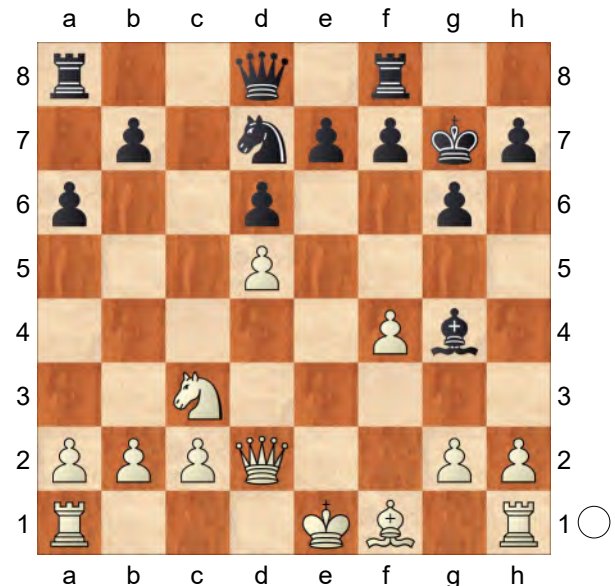
12...Bg4? 2.17/22 13.Qd2+-

[Worse is 13.Be2 Bxe2 14.Kxe2 Ng4=]

13...Nd7 2.60/21

[Δ13...b5 1.92/20 14.h3 Bf5 15.fxe5 dxe5]

14.Bxg7 Kxg7



15.h3! Bf5 16.g4 e5 17.gxf5 exf4 18.0-0-0 Qh4 19.Ne4 Rfe8 20.Nxd6 Re3 21.Rg1 Ne5 9.26/23

[Δ21...Qf6 4.85/19 22.Qb4 f3]

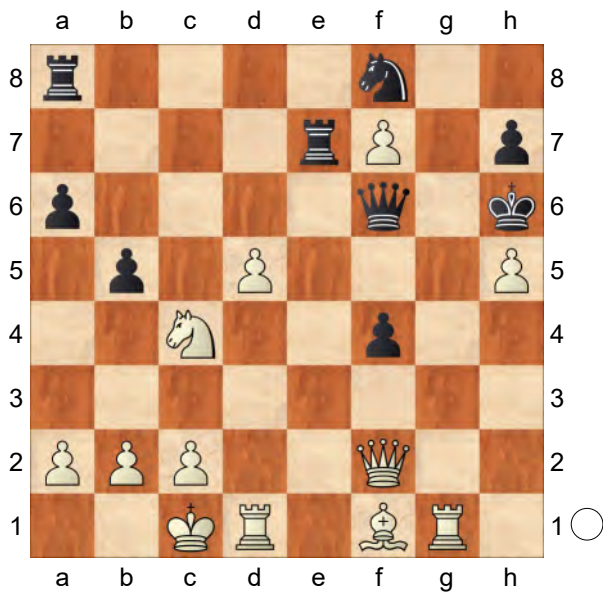
22.fxg6 Black must now prevent Nd6-f5+. 22...Qf6 Prevents Nd6-f5+.

23.gxf7+ Kh6 24.Qf2 Intending Nd6-f5+! and mate. 24...Ng6 25.Nc4 Re7 26.h4 b5



27.h5! Nf8

[27...bxc4 28.hxg6]



28.Rd4! bxc4

[28...Rxf7 29.Ne3]

29.Rxf4 Qe5 30.Rf6+ White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.68

1-0

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□ Loman, Rudolf Johannes

■ Bird, Henry Edward

British CA Congress-07 Masters (6)

[Naruemon]

B25: Closed Sicilian: 3 g3, lines without early Be3 Schach-Blätter 11/1952 und SCHACH 19/1952 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nge2 d6 6.d3 Bd7

[6...e5 7.h4 (7.0-0 Nge7 8.f4 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Be6 11.Rae1 Qd7 12.Nd5 Rae8 13.c4 Nd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.Nc1 Nc6 16.Nb3 Kh8 17.Kh1 h6 18.Re2 Ne7 19.Rfe1 fxe4 20.Nxe7 Rxe7 21.Rxe4 Rfe8 4.Nd4 Qb6 (1932)-Hasan, K (1742) Paks 2023 Gauthier/Tactics [John Watson] 1-0) 7...h5 8.Nd5 Nge7 9.Bg5 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.Nec3 0-0 12.Ne3 Nd4 13.Ncd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Nc6 15.Ne3 Bh6 16.0-0 Be6 17.c3 Bg7 18.Nd5 Ne7 19.Bg5 f6 20.Be3 Nxd5 21.exd5 16.Nb3 Re8 17.Bh6_22038-Pandelaar, V (2466) Athens 2001 CYB 12 [Ropert, A] 0-1 (55)]

7.0-0 h5N

[7...Qc8 8.Nd5 e6 9.Ne3 b5 10.c3 b4 11.d4 bxc3 12.bxc3 cxd4 13.Nc4 Qa6 14.Nxd6+ Ke7 15.e5 Bxe5 16.Ne4 d3 17.Nc5 Qc4 18.Nxd3 Bd6 19.Re1 Rb8 20.Nb2 Qa6 21.Nd4 h6 22.Bf1 Koch, B-Zirngibl, A Binz 1952 EXT 2005 [Elstner, Rudolf] 1-0 (32) Qc8 23.Nc4 Bc7 24.Nxc6+ Bxc6 25.Qd4 Rh7 26.Qc5+ Kd7 27.Ba3 Bd5 28.Rad1 Qb7 29.Bg2 Qb5 30.Bxd5 Qxc5 31.Bxe6+ Kc6 32.Bd7+ 1-0 (32) Sertic, R-Beale, H Toshkent UZB 1952 Fritz 12 [Herrera, I]]

B25

[7...Nf6 8.h3 Qc8 9.Kh2 Nd4 10.Nxd4 cxd4 11.Ne2 Qc5 12.c3 dxc3 13.Nxc3 h5 14.d4 Qa5 15.f4 Rc8 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nh7 18.Bxb7 Rc7 19.Bg2 Bf5 20.Be3 0-0 21.Qe2 Rfc8 22.b4 Strzemiecki, Z-X, M corr 1990 200 Traps In The Opening [Iain Mackintosh] ½-½ (41)]

8.h3 Qc8 9.Kh2 Nd4 The position is equal. 10.Nxd4 cxd4 11.Ne2 Qc7 Inhibits c2-c3. 12.Bd2 0.15/20

[12.c3± 0.55/20]

12...Qb6 0.56/19

[12...h4= 0.15/20]

13.Rb1 Nf6 14.f4 0.23/20

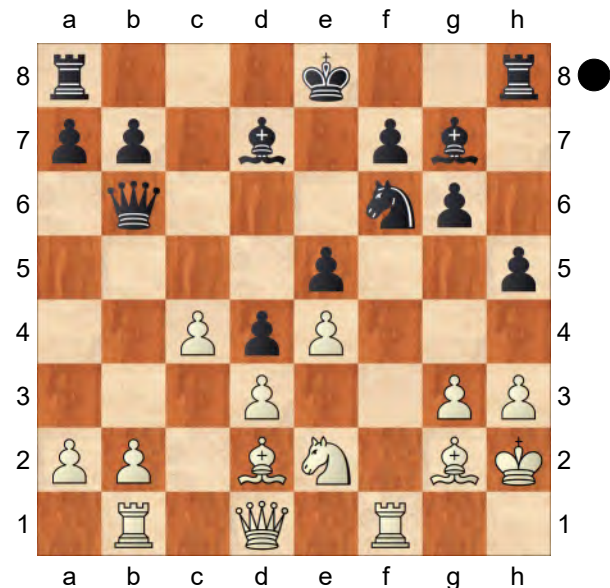
[14.Be1± 0.62/19]

14...e5 15.fxe5 -0.40/21

[15.Qe1= 0.30/18]

15...dxe5 16.c4 -1.67/21

[White should try 16.Qe1 17... -0.36/20]

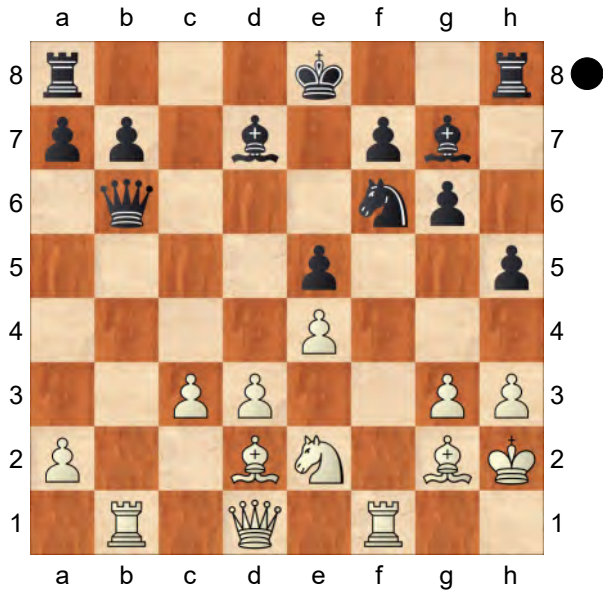


16...h4? 0.12/19

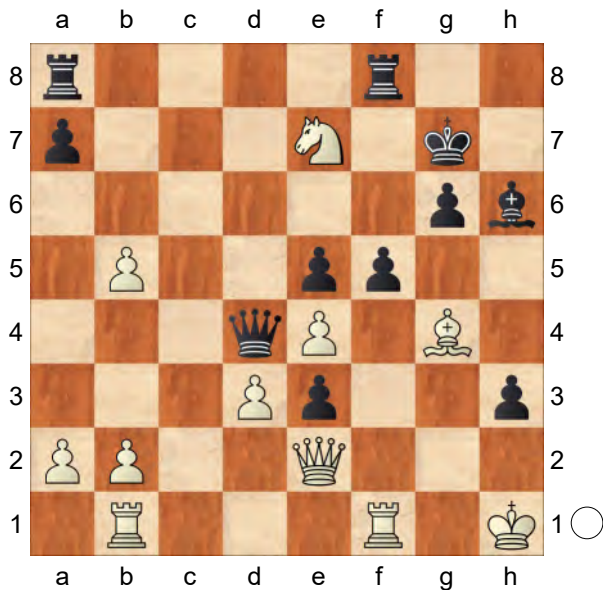
[16...dxc3!-+ -1.67/21 17.bxc3

(Diagram)

Ng4+! 18.Kh1 Nf2+ 19.Rxf2 Qxf2 20.Rxb7 Bc6]

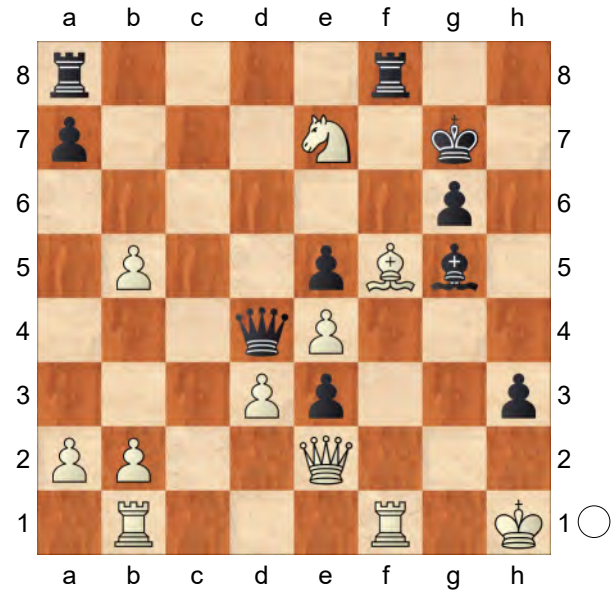


17.g4= Bxg4? 2.27/24 Black is now going downhill. **18.hxg4+- Nxg4+ 19.Kh1 h3 20.Bf3 Ne3 21.Bxe3 dxe3 22.Nc3 0-0 23.Qe2 Bh6 24.Nd5 Qd4 25.Bg4 b5 26.cxb5 f5?** 6.03/21
[26...Rab8 2.54/21 27.Ne7+ Kg7]
27.Ne7+ Kg7



28.Bxf5 Bg5
[28...g5 29.Nd5]

(Diagram)



29.Rg1! gxf5
[29...Rf6 30.Rxg5]
30.Rxg5+ Kf6 31.Nc6 White threatens Rg5-g6+ and mate. **31...Kxg5 32.Nxd4** 11.18/19
[32.Rg1+ #8/19 Kf6 33.Qh5 Ke6 34.Rg6+ Kd7 35.Qh7+ Kc8 36.Nxd4 fxe4 37.Rc6+ Kd8 38.Qc7+ Ke8 39.Re6#]
32...exd4 33.Rg1+ Kf6 34.Qf3 Ke7 35.exf5 Rg8 36.Qe4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) / Black=1.07
1-0

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□ Maroczy, Geza

■ Bird, Henry Edward

it London (England)

[Naruemon]

C49

C49: Four Knights: 4 Bb5 Bb4 1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bb4
5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 Re8 7.h3N

[7.Bg5 Bxc3 (7...Bf8 8.Nd5 Be7
9.Nxe7+ Qxe7 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.d4
d6 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.h3 Rb8 14.b3
Rb6 15.Qc1 c5 16.Qe3 h6 17.Bxf6
Rxf6 18.Rfd1 Rd6 19.Rxd6 Qxd6
20.Qd3 Re7 21.Qxd6 cxd6 22.Nd2
Wittal, W (2360)-Buchmann, H (2185)
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(35); 7...a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 Bxc3
10.bxc3 h6 11.Bh4 Bb7 12.Nd2 d6
13.a4 g5 14.Bg3 Na5 15.h4 Bc8
16.axb5 axb5 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Qe2
Qe7 19.d4 Bd7 20.dxe5 dxe5
21.Nf3 Nxb3 22.Rxa8 Palmkoeck, W
(2334)-Moens, A (2200) ICCF 2005
1/2-1/2 (43)) 8.bxc3 d5 9.Qe2 Qd6
10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nh4 a6 12.Ba4 b5
13.Bb3 Ne7 14.Qh5 c6 15.Rae1
Kh8 16.f4 Rg8 17.fxe5 Qd7 18.exf6
Ng6 19.exd5 Nxh4 20.Qxh4 Qd6
21.Re7 Bg4 Walbrodt, C-Varain, E Kiel
1893 1-0]

7...Bxc3

[7...Nd4 is interesting. 8.Bc4 c6
9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 Bc5]

8.bxc3 Na5 9.Ba4 White has an edge.
9...c6 10.c4 b6 11.Bb2 Qc7 12.Nh4
Nb7

[12...d6 seems wilder. 13.Bb3 b5
14.cxb5 cxb5 15.f4 Nxb3 16.axb3
a5]

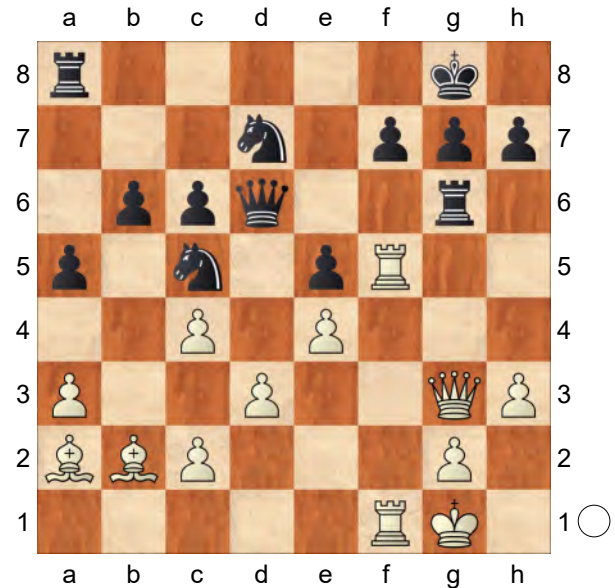
13.Bb3 a5 And now ...a5-a4 would win.
14.a3 Nc5 15.f4 d6 16.Ba2 -0.17/18
[16.Qf3 0.14/15]

16...Qe7 0.30/20

[16...Na4 -0.17/18 17.Qc1 Nxb2
18.Qxb2 exf4]

17.fxe5= dxe5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Rxf5
Qd6 20.Qe1 Re6 21.Qg3 Nfd7
22.Raf1 Rg6 1.41/20

[22...Rae8= -0.04/18]



23.Bxe5!± Qe7

[23...Nxe5 24.Qxe5]

24.Qf2 1.14/20 & Bianco is more active.

[16.Qf2 1.52/23]

24...Rf8 1.85/20

[24...Nxe5± 1.14/20 was worth a try.
25.Rxe5 Re6 26.Rxe6 Qxe6]

25.Bc7+- Ne6 2.54/22

[25...Rf6 1.89/22 was necessary.
26.Rxf6 Qxf6 27.Qxf6 gxf6]

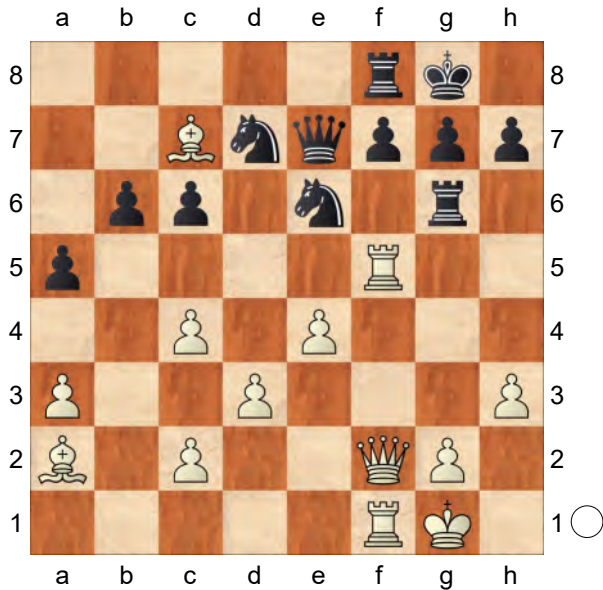
(Diagram)

26.c5! bxc5

[26...Nxc7? 27.Bxf7+ Kh8
28.Bxg6+-]

[26...Ndxc5 27.Bxb6]

27.e5 Against Rg6-f6. aiming for Bc7-d6.



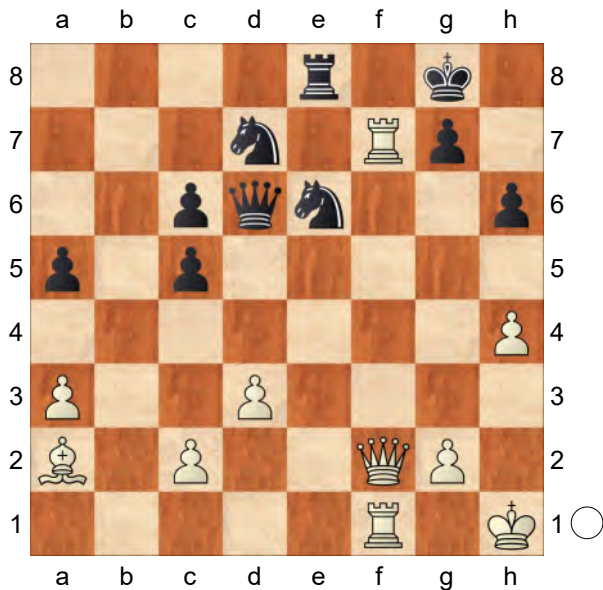
[Less strong is 27.Bxa5 Rf6 28.Rxf6 Qxf6+-]

27...Ng5 5.51/23

[27...Rg5 3.77/22]

28.Kh1 h6 29.Bd6 Rxd6 30.exd6 Qxd6 31.h4 Ne6 32.Rxf7 Re8 9.91/26

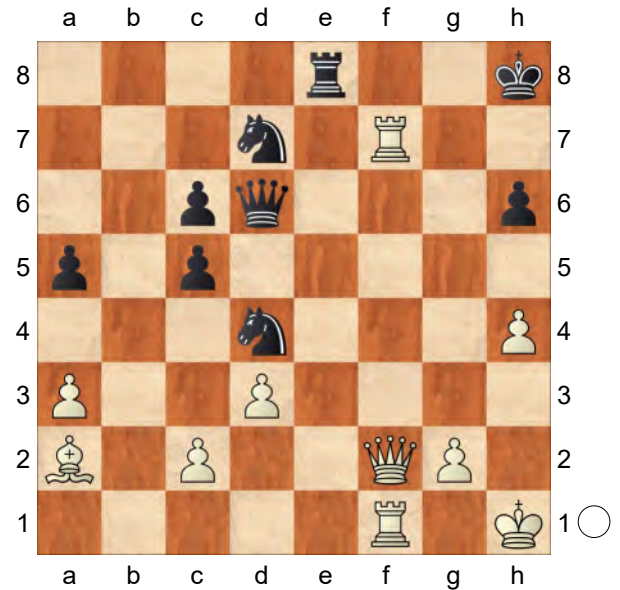
[32...Nf6 3.92/22]



33.Rxg7+!! Kh8 34.Rf7 Nd4

(Diagram)

Inhibits Qf2-f5. **35.Rh7+!** Weighted



Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) / Black=0.55

1-0

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□ Paulsen, Wilfried

■ Bird, Henry Edward

07.22 R13 GER Hambur

[Naruemon]

C14

1885

C14: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5
Be7 main line 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3
Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7
Qxe7 7.Qd2 0-0 8.Nb5 -0.75/21

[8.f4= 0.02/20 keeps the balance.]

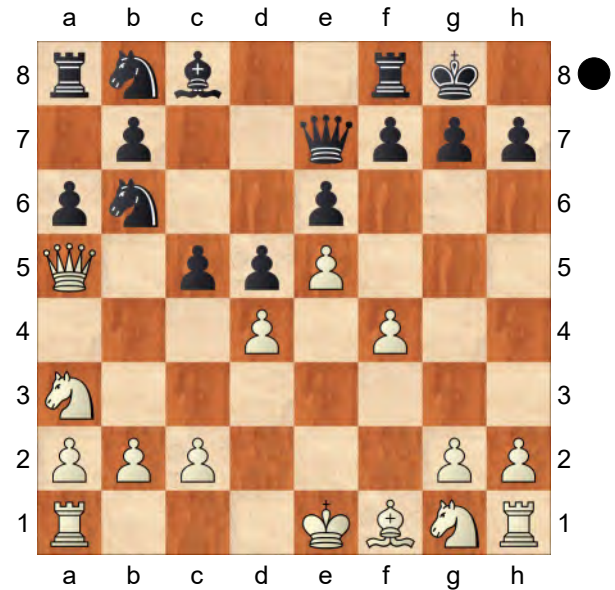
8...Nb6 0.01/20

[8...a6!± -0.75/21 9.Nc3 (9.Nxc7
Ra7±; 9.Na3 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Nf3
Ne4 12.Qe2 e5 13.dxe5 Nc6
14.Nc4 Qb4+ 15.Nfd2 Nxf2 16.c3
Qe7 17.Ne3 Nxe1 18.Nf3 Nxe5
19.0-0-0 Nxf3 20.gxf3 Re8 21.Re1
Qh4 22.Qd2 c6 0-1 (22) Fressinet, L
(2652)-Buhmann, R (2568) Skopje
2019) 9...c5]

9.f4 a6 The position is equal. 10.Na3
c5 11.Qa5N -1.18/21

[11.c3= -0.07/20 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nc6
13.Nf3 Qb4 (13...f6 14.g3 fxe5
15.dxe5 Bd7 16.Bd3 Nb4 17.Be2
Rac8 18.0-0 Nc4 19.Nxc4 dxc4
20.Qd6 Qxd6 21.exd6 b5 22.Ne5
Rfd8 23.Bg4 Nc2 24.Nxd7 Nxa1
25.Bxe6+ Kh8 26.Rxa1 Rc6 27.Ne5
Rcxd6 28.Nf7+ Bartel, M (2648)-
Brynell, S (2414) Chess.com INT 2020
1-0 (35)) 14.Rc1 Bd7 15.Bd3 Rac8
16.Nc2 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Nc4+
18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Ne3 b5 20.a3
Rfd8 21.Ke2 Ne7 22.Rhd1 Bc6
23.g4 Nd5 24.Nxd5 Bxd5 25.Nd2
Rc6 26.Rc2 Stoltz, G-Flohr, S
Stockholm 1931 1-0 (42)]

(Diagram)

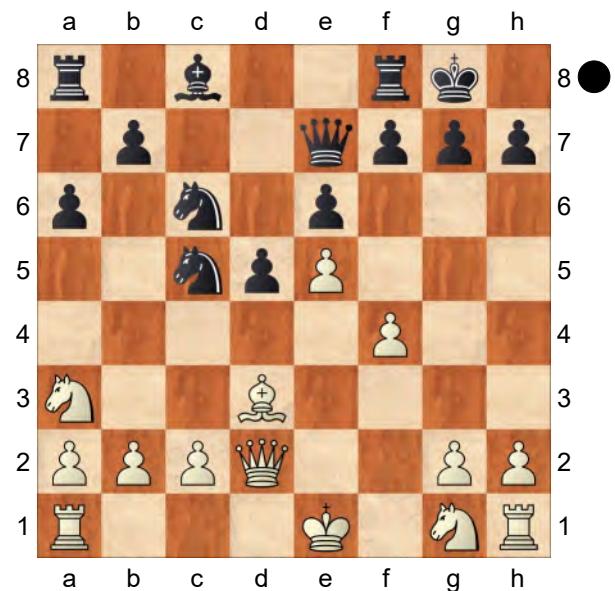


11...N6d7!± Black continues to play with
concentration. 12.dxc5 Nc6 Deflection,
Zwischenzug

[Stronger than 12...Qxc5 13.Qxc5
Nxc5 14.Nf3±]

13.Qd2 Nxc5 Strongly threatening ...
Nc5-e4. 14.Bd3 -1.62/20

[14.c3± -1.10/20 is a better defense.]



14...f5 -0.90/20

[Black should play 14...f6!-+ -1.62/20
15.Nf3 fxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.fxe5
Qh4+ 18.g3 Qg4]

15.Nf3 -1.38/22

[♖15.Ne2 -0.90/20]

15...Ne4 16.Bxe4 fxe4 17.Ng5 h6

18.Nh3 Qh4+ 19.Kd1 Bd7 20.c3 Be8

21.Kc1 Rc8 22.Nc2 Bg6 23.Qe3

Inhibits d5-d4. 23...Bf5 Threatens to win

with ...Bf5xh3. 24.Qg3 Qe7 25.Nf2?

-4.46/19

[25.Rd1 -2.61/21]

25...d4-+ 26.Ng4 Kh7

[Don't go for 26...Bxg4? 27.Qxg4

Kh8 28.Kb1-+]

27.Rd1 Rfd8 28.c4 -8.20/22

[♖28.Rd2 -4.97/19]

28...e3 29.b3 h5 30.h3 Nb4 31.Nf6+

gxf6 32.exf6 Qxf6 (→ ...d4-d3!)

33.Nxb4 d3 Black mates. 34.Kb1 d2+

35.Nc2 Qc3 Weighted Error Value:

White=0.97/Black=0.17 (very precise)

0-1

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□ **Blackburne, Joseph Henry**

■ **Bird, Henry Edward**

06.Congress USA-06.Congress New York (34)
[Mon Hokmone]

C41

C41: Philidor Defence 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nd7 4.Bc4 c6 5.c3 Qc7 0.76/21

[5...Ngf6= 0.16/20]

[5...b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.0-0 h6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Nbd2 Ngf6 11.Nf1 0-0 12.Ng3 Rfe8 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Nf5 Bf8 15.Be3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 Bxc5 17.h3 Rad8 18.g4 Nh7 19.h4 Bc8 20.g5

Bohak, J-Vavpetic, V ICCF email 1997
Corr 2011 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (32)]

6.Ng5N

[6.a4 h6 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nh4 Nxe4 10.Bxf7+ Kxf7 11.Qb3+ Kf6 12.Qc2 Nd6 13.Be3 Nb6 14.Qg6+ Ke7 15.Nd2 Nd5 16.Rfe1 Kd8 17.c4 Ne7 18.Qd3 Ke8 19.Bc5 Ndf5 20.Ne4 Be6 9.Nc3 Ne7 10.Ne4- Miotto Ljubljana 1967 Telechess CBM 89 [Livie] 1-0]

6...Nh6 7.f4 -0.07/20
0x0. 001c84e6444adp-1022s more active pieces.

[7.Bb3± 0.75/20]

7...Be7 0.61/21

[7...exd4= -0.07/20 8.cxd4 (8.Qxd4 Nb6=) 8...Nb6]

8.fxe5± White is slightly better. 8...dxe5 9.0-0 0.28/20

[9.Nf3± 0.59/22]

9...0-0= 10.Qb3 Bf6

[10...exd4? 11.Bxf7+ Kh8 12.Ne6!+-]

11.Be3 -0.99/22

[11.Nf3!± 0.46/20 stays ahead.]

11...Qd6 -0.07/21

[11...Nb6!± -0.99/22 Threatens to win with ...Nh6-g4. 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Qe7 14.Rxf6 Nxc4 15.Rxh6 Nxe3]

12.Qd1 -0.99/23 Inhibits Nh6-g4.

[12.Kh1= -0.07/21 remains equal.]

12...Bd8? 0.59/20

[12...Nb6± -0.99/23 13.Be2 Re8]

13.Na3 -0.01/20

[13.h3!± 0.59/20]

13...Bc7 0.38/22

[13...exd4= -0.01/20 14.cxd4 Nb6]

14.Qh5 -0.01/21

[14.Bb3± 0.38/22]

14...a6? 9.89/27

[14...Nf6= -0.01/21 15.Qh4 b5]

15.Rae1? 0.37/23

[15.Nxf7+- 9.89/27 Nxf7 16.Rxf7]

15...b5? 2.92/24

[15...Nf6± 0.37/23 16.Qh4 b5]

16.Bd3? 0.08/20

[16.Nxf7?! Nxf7 17.Bxf7+ Kh8±]

[16.Bxf7+- 2.92/24 Kh8 17.Ne6 Nxf7 18.Nxf8 Nxf8 19.dxe5 (19.Qxf7 Be6+-) 19...Nxe5 20.Qxe5!!]

16...a5 0.57/21

[16...c5= 0.08/20]

17.Nc2 0.18/20

[17.Nf3± 0.57/21 feels stronger.]

17...Bb7 0.88/21

[17...f6= 0.18/20 keeps the balance. 18.Nf3 Nf7]

(Diagram)

18.Rd1→ 0.52/21 White is up to no good.

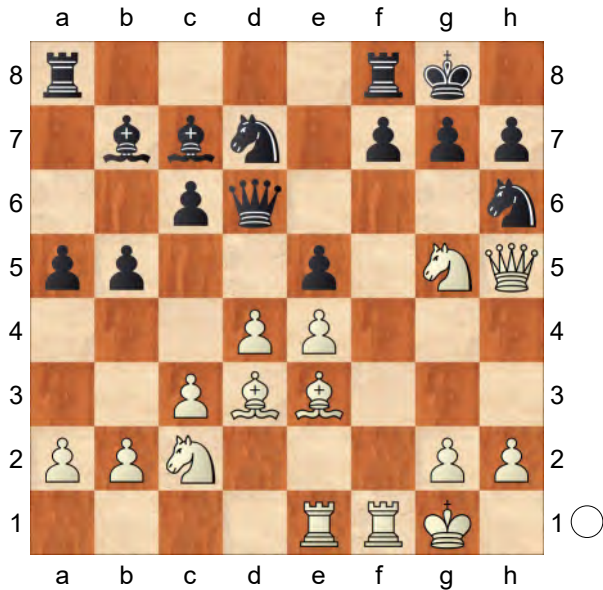
[18.Nf3!± 0.88/21]

18...a4 0.94/20

[18...Rae8± 0.52/21]

19.a3 0.57/19

[19.Be2± 0.94/20]

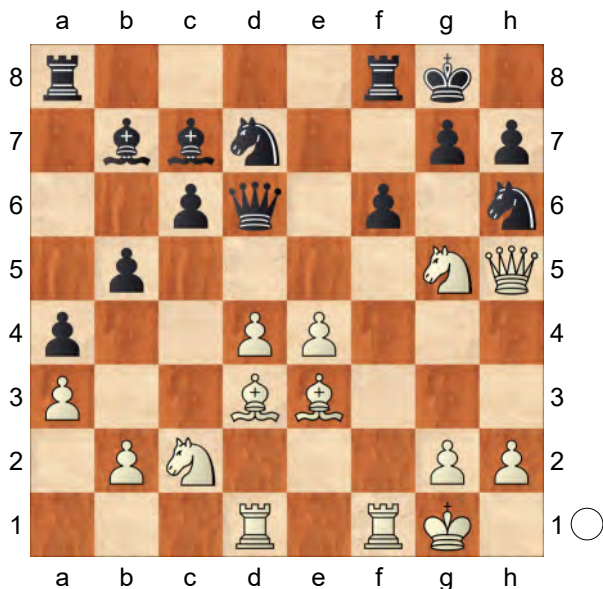


19...exd4 3.78/24

[Better is 19...Rad8± 0.57/19]

20.e5 2.23/22

[△20.cxd4 3.78/24 e4-e5 is the strong threat. f6]



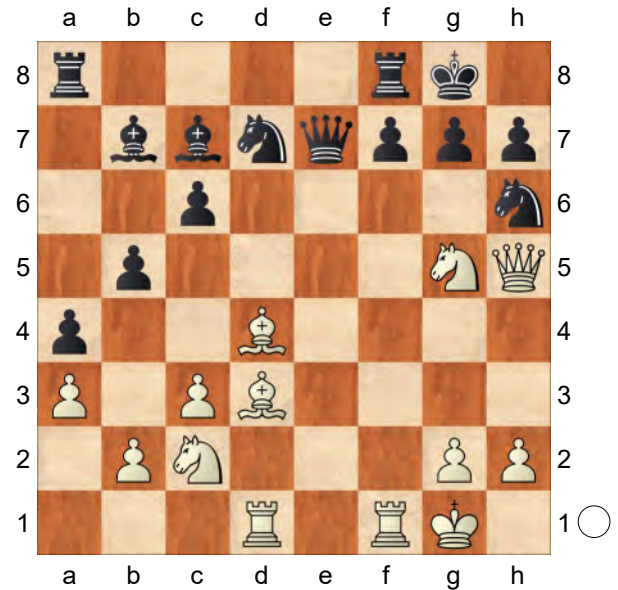
21.e5! fxe5 22.Bxh7+ Kh8 23.dxe5]

20...Qxe5? 4.20/25

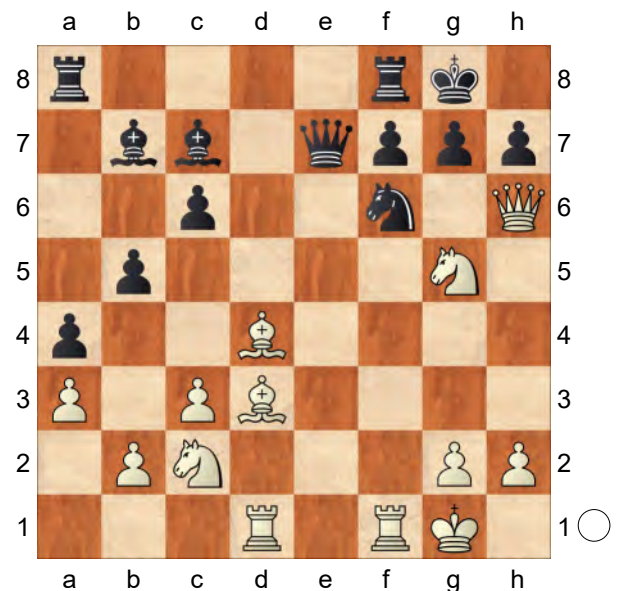
[20...Nxe5 2.23/22 was necessary.
21.Bxh7+ Kh8]

21.Bxd4 Really sharp! 21...Qe7 #5/13

[21...Qxh2+- 3.80/25 22.Qxh2
Bxh2+ 23.Kxh2 Ng4+ 24.Kg3 Ngf6]



22.Qxh6!! Nf6



23.Bxf6! Qc5+ 24.Nd4 8.57/5

[△24.Kh1 #3/8 Qg1+ 25.Rxg1 gxh6
26.Bxh7#]

24...gxh6 25.Bxh7# Weighted Error
Value: White=1.04/Black=1.80

1-0

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□ Baird, John Washington

■ Bird, Henry Edward

USA-06.Congress

C72

1889

[Mon Hokmome]

C72: Ruy Lopez: Deferred Steinitz: 5 0-0
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
d6 5.d4 Bd7 6.0-0 Nge7 0.67/19

[6...b5= 0.23/20 7.Bb3 Nxd4]

[6...Nxd4 7.Bxd7+ Qxd7 8.Nxd4
exd4 9.Qxd4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Be7
11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Qg4 13.Bg3 0-0
14.h3 Qg6 15.Bh2 Rfe8 16.f4 Bf8
17.f5 Qh5 18.Rf3 Rad8 19.Re1 c6
20.Qf2 Nd7 21.g4 Kachar,V (2350)-
Meran/5 8... Bb7 9. e4... (2180) Gyor
1990 Schiller's List 1.d4 [Dragan
Solak] ½-½ (54)]

7.Bg5N 0.02/21

[White should play 7.d5± 0.67/19 Nb8
8.Bxd7+ (8.c4 Ng6 9.Bc2 Be7
10.Nc3 h6 11.Be3 Bg5 12.Nxg5
hxg5 13.f3 Nf4 14.c5 Qf6 15.cxd6
cxg6 16.g3 Nh5 17.Qd2 Qg6
18.Bxg5 Bh3 19.Rf2 Nd7 20.g4 Rc8
21.Kh1 Nh6 22.Be3 Bxg4
Rogoff,K (2520)-Swanson,S (2215)
Mexico City 1978 EXT 2020
[ChessBase II] 1-0 (32)) 8...Nxd7
9.Nc3]

7...h6

[7...b5!? 8.Bb3 exd4=]

8.Be3 -0.25/21

[8.Bxe7 0.24/21 was preferable.
Bxe7 9.d5]

8...b5!= ...e5xd4 is the strong threat.

9.Bb3 The position is equal. 9...exd4

10.Bf4 -0.62/19

[10.Bd2= -0.16/22]

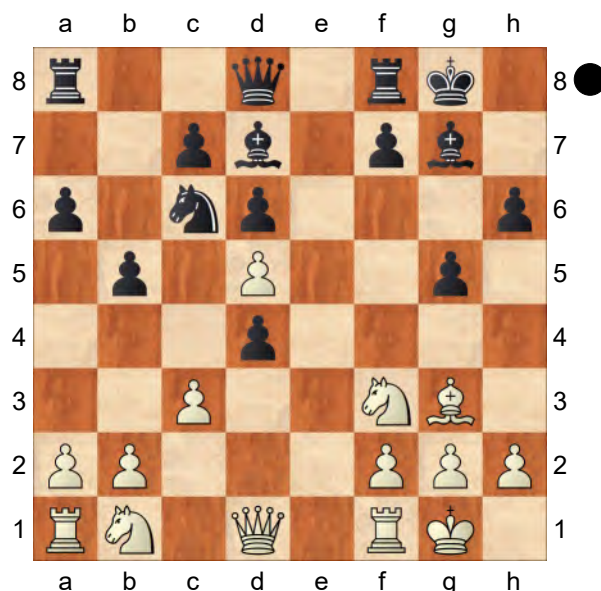
10...g5!± 11.Bg3 Bg7↑ White is under
pressure. 12.Bd5 -1.84/21

[12.c3± -0.64/20]

12...0-0 13.c3 -2.22/23

[13.Bb3± -1.58/23]

13...Nxd5+ 14.exd5



dxcc3! 15.Nxc3 Ne7 16.Nd4 b4
17.Nce2 Nxd5 18.Qb3 Nb6 19.Qc2 f5
20.f4 c5 21.Qb3+ Kh8 Hoping for ...
Bd7-a4. 22.Nf3 -4.50/23

[22.fxc3 -3.07/20 was worth a try.
hxg5 23.Bxd6 cxd4 24.Rad1]

22...Ba4 23.Qd3 Bb5 24.Qc2 g4
25.Nh4 Qf6 Prevents Nh4-g6+.
26.Rad1 -6.32/24

[26.a4 -4.47/21 bxa3 27.Rxa3]

26...Nc4 27.Bf2 Rae8 28.Rfe1 Ne3
Against Rd1-d5 29.Bxe3 Rxe3 30.g3
Rfe8 31.Rd2 R3e4 32.Kf2 c4
aiming for ...Qf6-e6. 33.Qd1 c3
34.bxc3 bxc3 35.Rxd6 Rxe2+
36.Rxe2 Rxe2+ 37.Kg1

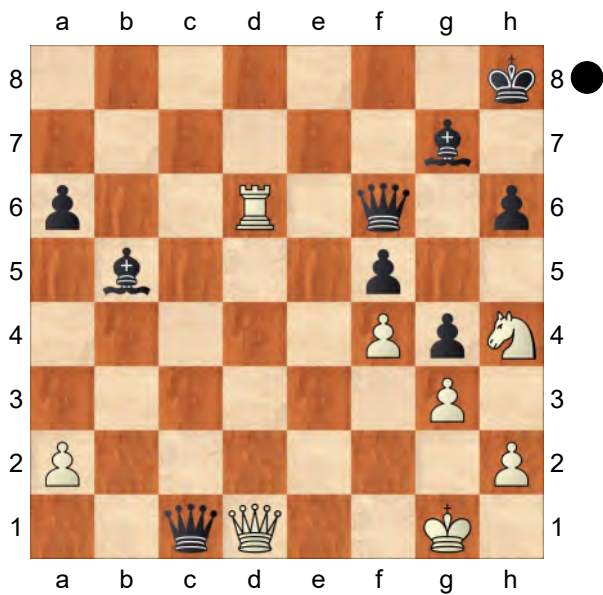
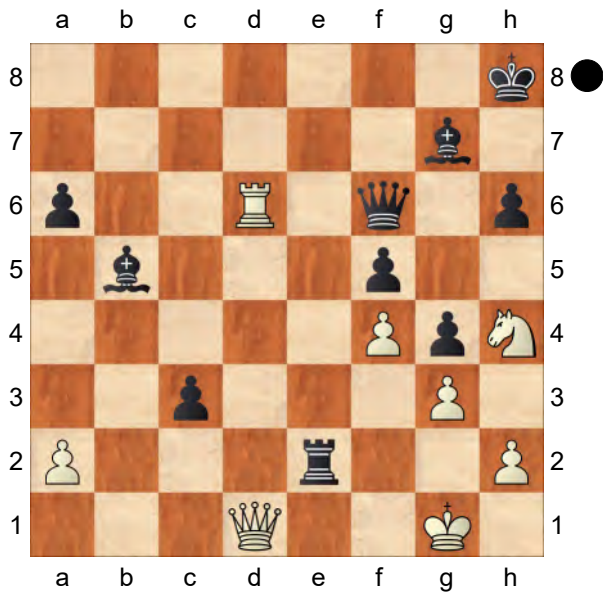
(Diagram)

c2! 38.Qxe2

[38.Rd8+ Kh7]

38...c1Q+ 39.Qd1

(Diagram)



Qd4+!! 40.Rxd4

[40.Kg2 Qcxd1]

40...Bxd4+ A strong pair of Bishops.

Black mates. 41.Kg2 Bc6+ 42.Kf1

Qxd1# White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.20 (precise) . Loss on time!?

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□ Ballard, William his

■ Bird, Henry Edward

London

C33

1879

[Mon Hokmome]

C33: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nc3 and 3 Bc4 [source: The Sun (New York)

1897/MAR/14] 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4

3.Bc4 Qh4+ 4.Kf1 d6 5.Nf3 Qh5

0.01/20

[5...Bg4? -0.31/16]

6.d4= g5 7.Nc3 -0.36/18

[7.h4= -0.03/18

should be considered. Bh6 8.Nc3 g4 9.Ne1

Ne7 10.Ne2 Ng6 11.Nd3 f3 12.Ng3

fxg2+ 13.Kxg2 Nxh4+ 14.Kf2

Nichitelea, P-Bissmann, S Vienna 1996

ICCF CBM 120 [Siaperas]]

7...Ne7 0.17/19

[7...Bg7! -0.36/18]

8.h4! And now Kf1-g1 would win. The position is equal. 8...f6 1.04/17

[8...h6!= 0.08/20]

9.e5N 0.54/21

[9.Kg1!± 1.04/17 Strongly threatening h4xg5. g4 10.Ne1 Bh6 11.Nd3 f3

12.g3 Nbc6 13.Nf4 Bxf4 14.Bxf4

Bd7 15.b4 0-0-0 16.Rb1 Ng6

17.Be3 f5 18.d5 Nce5 19.Qd4 Nxc4

20.Qxc4 fxe4 21.Kf2 Rde8 22.b5 b6

23.a4 Ne5 24.Qd4 Bf5 25.a5

Pillsbury/ Chapman-Bird/Allan

London 1897 EXT 2023 [Bird, Henry

Edward] ½-½ (45) Kd7 26.Rhe1

Rhg8 27.Bf4 Qg6 28.Re3 Qg7

29.Bxe5 dxe5 30.Qc4 Rb8 31.d6

cx d6 32.Qc6+ Ke6 33.Rd1 Qd7

34.Qd5+ Ke7 35.Nxe4 Bxe4

36.Qxe4 Rg6 37.Red3 Qxb5 38.h5

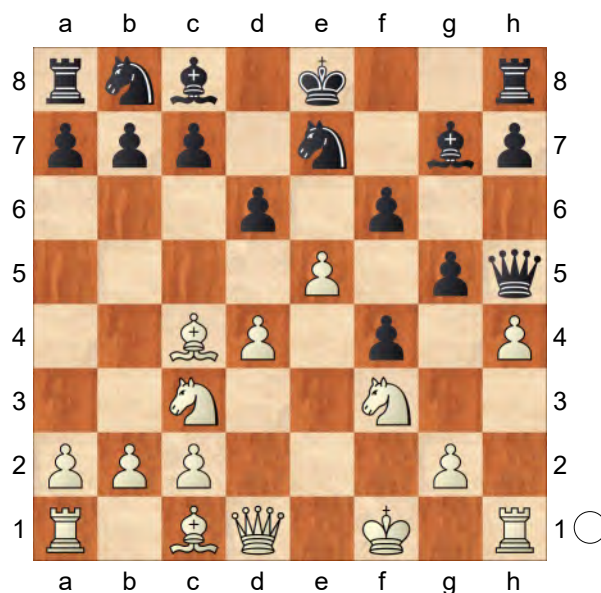
Rg7 39.Rxd6 Qe2+ 40.Qxe2

Mayta Aiza, M-B6 Belgrade SRB 1897

CBM 118 ext [Janosi] ½-½ (45)]

9...Bg7 1.30/22

[9...g4!± 0.54/21]



10.Nb5!±

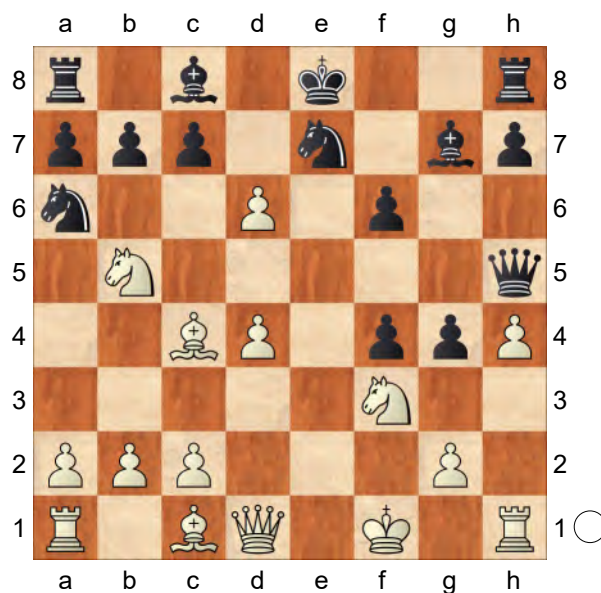
&Bianco is more active.

10...Na6 1.99/18

[10...g4± 1.16/21]

11.exd6+- g4 2.72/22

[11...Nf5± 1.59/21]

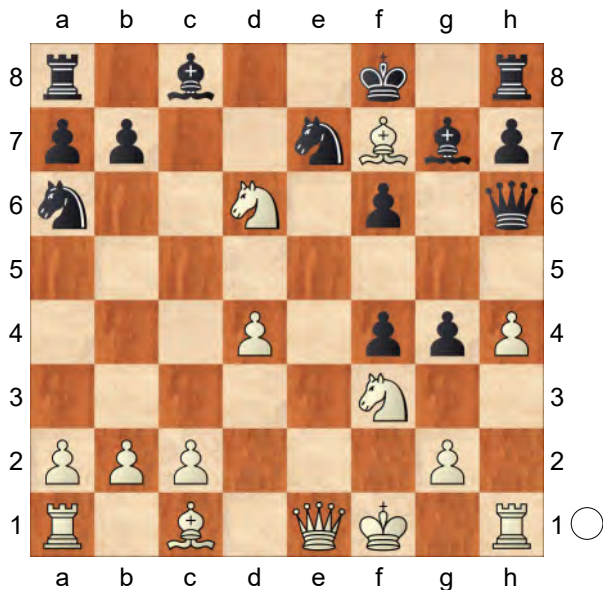


12.Qe1! cxd6 13.Nxd6+ Kf8 14.Bf7

[Weaker is 14.Bxf4 gxf3 15.Qe4 Bd7=]

14...Qh6 6.33/20

[14...Qxf7 3.06/21 15.Nxf7 Kxf7]



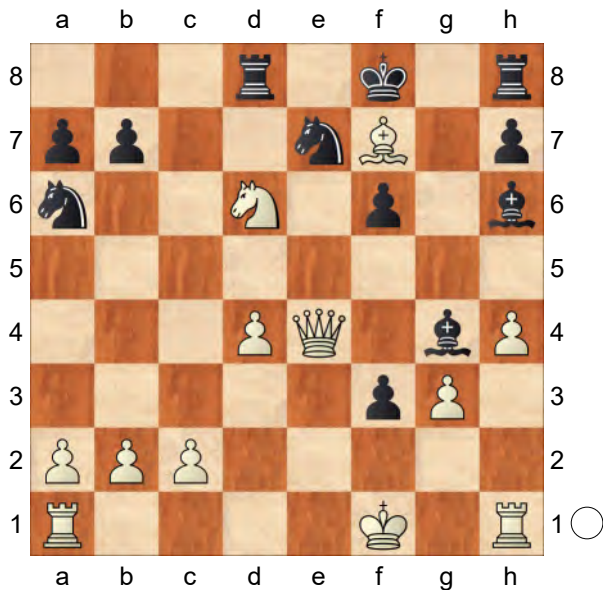
position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0. 07 (flawless) / Black=1.15

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15.g3! gxf3

[15...f5 16.Bxf4]

16.Bxf4 Bg4 17.Bxh6 Bxh6 18.Qe4 Rd8



19.Re1! Nc6

[19...Rd7 20.Be8]

20.Qxg4 White wants to mate with Bf7-c4! 20...Rxd6 21.Re8+ Kxf7 22.Rxh8 Threatening mate with Qg4-g8+. 22...Rxd4 23.Rxh7+ Ke8 24.Qg6+ Black did not feel at home in the

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□ Bird Tenchard,H..

■ Blackburne Chapman,H..

Hastings

[Mon Hokmome]

C32

1897

C32: Falkbeer Counter Gambit: 3 exd5
e4 4 d3 Nf6 1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5
e4 4.Bb5+ c6 5.dxc6 bxc6 0.26/17

[5...Nxc6 -0.22/21

is more appropriate. 6.Nc3 Nf6]

6.Bc4= Nf6 7.Be2N -0.94/19

[7.Nc3= 0.26/22]

[7.d4 exd3 (7...Nbd7 8.Ne2 Nb6
9.Bb3 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.c3 c5
12.a4 c4 13.Bc2 a5 14.Na3 Bxa3
15.Rxa3 Re8 16.b3 Qd5 17.bxc4
Nxc4 18.Rb3 e3 19.Rf3 Bd7 20.Rb1
Bc6 21.Bd3 Ng4 22.Qc2
2.c4 e5 (2600)-Wessendorf,T Poland
1864 200 Traps In The Opening
[Dorner, Cranbourne] 0-1 (34)) 8.Qxd3
Nbd7 9.Be3 Bb4+ 10.Nd2 0-0
11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.a3 Be7 13.Nb3
Qc7 14.Nf3 Nb6 15.Ne5 c5
16.Rhe1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Be6 18.Qb5
Rfc8 19.Na5 Bd6 20.Nac4 Bf8
21.g3 Rab8 Perez Tangarife,S-
Schmidt,G Tromso 1923 CBM 91-C47
[FS 106] 0-1 (39)]

[7.Qe2 Bc5 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Qf1 Qe7
10.Nd1 a5 11.Ne3 Na6 12.a3 Nc7
13.g3 Ncd5 14.h4 Nxe3 15.dxe3
Qa7 16.Qe2 Rd8 17.Bd2 Bg4
18.Qf2 Rxd2 19.Qxd2 Bxe3 20.Qg2
Qd4 21.Be2 Bd2+ 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.
Ne5 Bc6-Zdrojewski,W (2380) corr
1983 Bilbao by Spyros Kapnisi [Fine]
0-1]

7...Bc5!⚡ aiming for ... Qd8-d4. Black
has strong compensation. 8.Kf1 -1.47/16

[⚡8.d4 -0.91/21 Qxd4 9.Qxd4 Bxd4
10.Bc4]

8...0-0 & Nero is much more active.

9.Nc3 Na6 10.a3 -1.78/21

[10.Na4⚡ -1.37/19]

10...Nc7

[And not 10...Qd4 11.Qe1⚡]

11.Qe1 -2.32/19

[⚡11.Na4 -1.61/19 Bb6 12.Nxb6
axb6 13.d3]

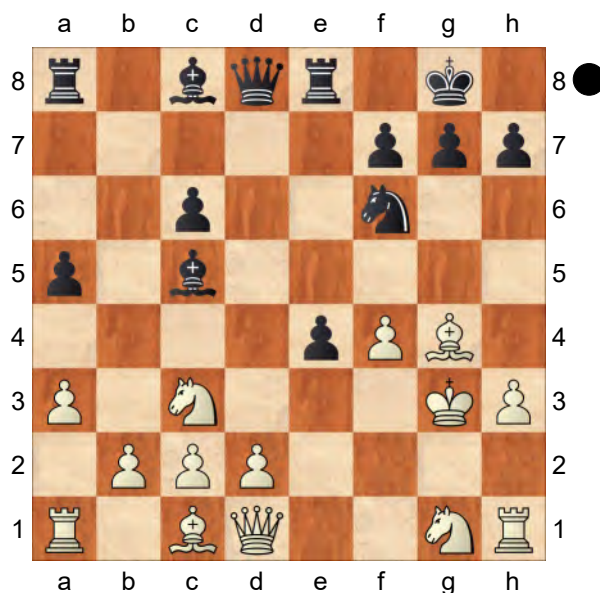
11...Ne6+ 12.g3 Nd4 13.Qd1 a5

14.Kg2 Re8 15.h3 Nf5 Strongly
threatening ...Nf5xg3! 16.Bg4 Nxc3
Decoy

[Inferior is 16...Qd4 17.Qf1⚡]

17.Kxcg3 -9.12/21

[17.d4 -2.14/23 exd3 18.Kxcg3]



17...Nh5+! 18.Kg2 Qh4?→ -1.18/22

Black attacks with force.

[18...Nxf4+-+ -9.13/25 and Black
stays clearly on top. 19.Kf1 Ba6+
20.d3

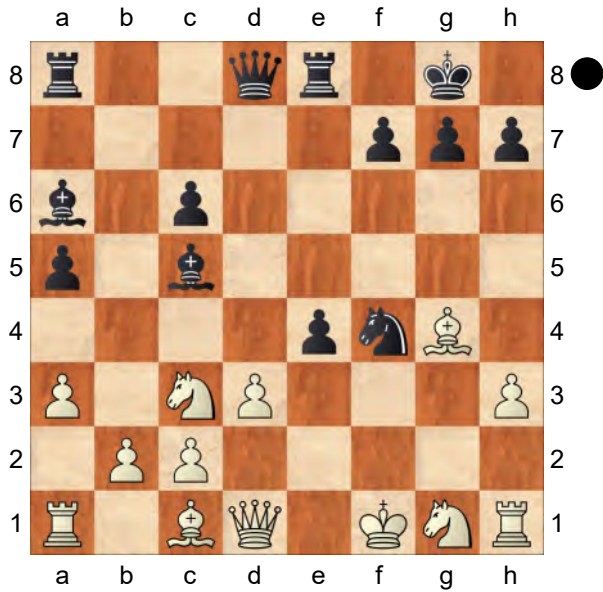
(Diagram)

exd3! 21.Bxf4 dxc2+ 22.Qe2 h5]

19.Nxe4?? -#10/21 Rxe4 Black mates.

20.Qf3 Rxf4 21.d4 Rxf3 22.Nxf3

Qg3+ White did not feel at home in the



position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0. 77/Black=0.35

0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Benima, Levi

NED SB-08 Gouda

[Mon Hokmome]

A03

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 After gaining first prize and the master title, the 20-year-old Emanuel also received his first invitation to an international tournament - Amsterdam 1889: 1. Burn - 7 out of 8; 2. Lasker - 6; 3. Mason - 5½; 4. Van Vliet - 5; 5. Gunsberg - 4; 6. Bauer - 3½ etc. Here he had the good fortune to carry out a brilliant combination, which became a classic example of the destructive double bishop sacrifice. **1.f4 d5 2.e3 f5N**

[2...Nf6 3.b3 e6 4.Bb2 Be7 5.Bd3 b6 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne2 c5 10.Ng3 Qc7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Qc6 13.Qe2 a6 14.Nh5 Nxh5 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qxh5+ Kg8 17.Bxg7 Lasker-Bauer #4864 Chess: 5334 Problems, Combination 1889 Kxg7 18.Qg4+ Kh7 19.Rf3 e5 20.Rh3+ Qh6 21.Rxh6+ Kxh6 22.Qd7 Bf6 23.Qxb7 Kg7 24.Rf1 Rab8 25.Qd7 Rfd8 26.Qg4+ Kf8 27.fxe5 Bg7 28.e6 Rb7 29.Qg6 f6 30.Rxf6+ Bxf6 31.Qxf6+ Ke8 32.Qh8+ Part 2 Chapter 1-Game 4 Game 4 (38) Ke7 33.Qg7+ Kxe6 34.Qxb7 Rd6 35.Qxa6 d4 36.exd4 cxd4 37.h4 d3 38.Qxd3 Emanuel the Second-Game #36: Lasker, E (38)]
[2...g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Be2 Nh6 5.0-0 0-0 6.Qe1 Nd7 7.Nc3 c6 8.d3 Nf5 9.g4 Nd6 10.Qg3 Re8 11.Ne5 f5 12.h3 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nf7 14.d4 Be6 15.g5 Nh8 16.Bf3 Bf7 17.Ne2 Ilipartanen, J (2240)-5.Bc6 dc6 6.h3 Be6 (2197) Game 1 2009 CBM 12

[Dragan Solak] 1-0 (35)]

3.Nf3 Nf6 4.b3 c5 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.Bb5 a6 1.09/21

[6...Bd7= 0.05/21]

7.Bxc6± bxc6 8.0-0 White is better.

8...e6 9.Qe1 0.57/21

[9.Nc3± 0.94/18]

9...Be7 0.99/20

[9...a5± 0.57/21 is superior.]

10.Nc3 0-0 1.04/20

[10...a5!± 0.69/20]

11.Na4 Nd7 12.Rd1 0.98/18

&Bianco is more active.

[Δ12.Ne5 1.29/20]

12...Bf6 1.41/22

[Δ12...a5 0.98/18]

13.d4 0.70/22

[13.Bxf6± 1.41/22 gxf6 14.d4]

13...Qe7 1.86/22

[13...c4± 0.70/22]

14.Ba3+- Re8 15.Nxc5 1.54/22

[15.Ne5+- 1.98/21]

15...Nxc5 1.94/20

[15...a5± 1.54/22 16.Rf2 a4]

16.Bxc5 Qf7 17.Rf2 Bd7 18.h3 Qh5

19.Rfd2 h6 20.Bd6 Be7 3.12/24

[Δ20...Red8 1.80/21 21.c4 Be8]

21.Be5 1.64/21

[Δ21.Bxe7 3.12/24 Rxe7 22.Ne5]

21...g5 22.Nh2 1.37/21

[22.Qg3+- 1.87/18]

22...Bb4 23.Qe2 Qg6 24.Rd3 Kf7 1.79/19

[24...Be7± 1.37/17 25.Nf3 g4]

25.c3 Be7 26.Kh1 1.06/23

[26.Bc7+- 1.73/21]

26...Rg8± 27.g4 Bf6 1.34/15

[Black should try 27...fxg4 1.02/20 28.hxg4 Raf8]

28.Bxf6 Kxf6 29.Nf3 1.19/21

[Δ29.Rg1 1.60/20]

29...Be8 2.25/19

[29...fxg4± 1.19/21 30.hxg4 Qe4]

30.Ne5+- Qh7 31.c4 h5 2.87/21

[31...Kg7 1.93/19 was worth a try.
32.R3d2 Bg6]

32.gxf5 Really sharp! 32...exf5 3.93/22

[Δ32...Qxf5 2.46/19 33.Kh2 g4]

33.Qf2 aiming for f4xg5+. 33...h4

34.Rg1 g4 35.cxd5

[35.hxg4 fxg4 36.Rxg4 Rxg4
37.Nxg4+ Ke6]

35...cxd5 36.Rc3 Against Ra8-c8

[Don't play 36.hxg4 fxg4 37.Rxg4
Rxg4 38.Nxg4+ Ke7+-]

[Much less strong is 36.Qg2 Bb5+-]

36...Bb5? 6.41/22

[36...g3 2.88/21 37.Qg2 Rd8]

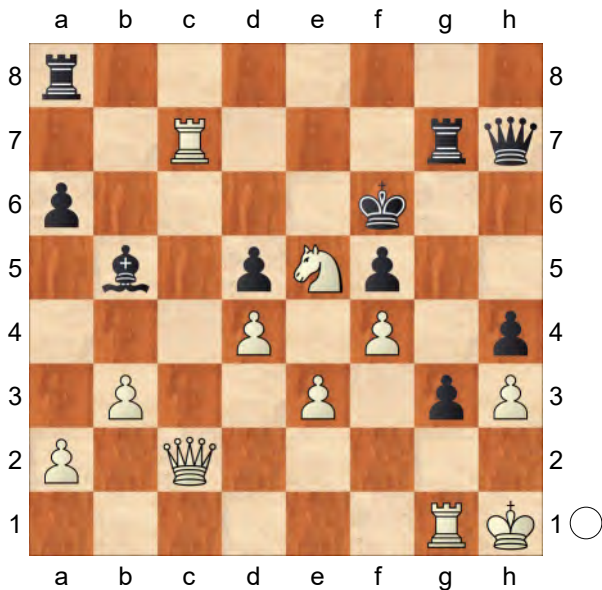
37.Qc2 g3 9.37/23

[Δ37...Ra7 5.00/21 38.hxg4 fxg4
39.Nxg4+ Rxg4]

38.Rc1 4.15/23

[Not 38.Rc6+ Bxc6 39.Qxc6+ Kg7±]

[Δ38.Rc7 9.37/23 Rg7

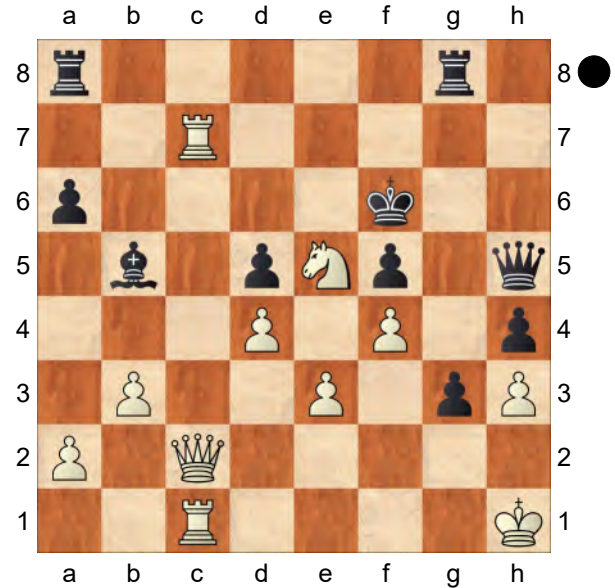


39.Rc6+! Ke7 40.Qc5+ Ke8 41.a4
Bxc6 42.Qxc6+ Ke7 43.Qxa8]

38...Qh5 11.90/25

[Δ38...Ra7 4.15/23 39.Rc8 Re8]

39.Rc7



White threatens Qc2-c6+! and mate.

39...Bc4 40.bxc4 White mates. 40...g2+

41.Kg1 Rac8 42.cxd5 Weighted Error

Value: White=0.41/Black=0.74

1-0

(Diagram)

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Bier, Martin

DSB Kongress-03 Meisterturnier (4)

[Mon Hokmome]

C14: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5
Be7 main line 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3
Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.Nf3 a6

[6...0-0 7.Bd3 c5 8.dxc5 Nd7 9.e5
Be7 10.h4 f5 11.Nb5 Nxc5 12.c3
Qb6 13.Rb1 Bd7 14.Nbd4 Rac8
15.Bc2 Ne4 16.Qe2 Be8 17.Qe3 h6
18.Nd2 Bg6 19.h5 f4 20.Qe2 Nxd2
21.Bxg6 Losev, D (2315)-Nikolenko, O
(2532) Moscow RUS 2012 [John
Watson] 0-1]

7.Bd3 c5N

[7...Nc6 8.e5 Be7 9.a3 b5 10.b4
Qd7 11.Ne2 Bb7 12.c3 Na7 13.h4
Nc8 14.Nf4 Nb6 15.g4 Na4 16.Qc2
0-0-0 17.Kd2 Qc6 18.Ng5 Bxg5
19.hxg5 g6 20.Rh6 Rdg8 21.Rah1
Rg7 22.Ne2 Lasker, E-Delmar New
York (USA) 1892 Lasker 2nd WC
[Khalifman, A] ½-½ (48) Nb6 23.f4
Kb8 24.Kc1 Bc8 25.Rg1 Qd7
26.Kb2 Ka7 27.Ka2 Na4 28.Qc1
Qe8 29.Ng3 Qe7 30.Nf1 Bd7
31.Ne3 Nb6 32.Ng2 Kb7 33.Nh4
Ra8 34.Kb3 a5 35.Kc2 Nc4
36.Bxc4 dxc4 37.f5 Sierra Vallina, L-5.
e3 d6 6.Nge2 Nge7_45312 Belfort
1892 CBM 055 ext [Blum, A FS 92:85]
½-½ (48)]

8.dxc5 Bxc3+ 0.26/18

[8...Nd7 -0.16/21]

9.bxc3= White has an edge. 9...Bd7
1.33/22

[9...0-0= 0.16/22]

10.0-0 0.29/21

[Only move: 10.exd5± 1.33/22 exd5
11.Qe2+ Qe7 12.Nd4]

C14

10...0-0 1.04/20

[10...Bc6!= 0.29/21 11.Nd4 0-0]

11.e5 0.07/18

[11.exd5± 1.04/20 Qd1-b1 is the
strong threat. exd5 12.Nd4]

11...Bc6 12.Nd4 Qe7 0.54/21

[12...Nd7!= 0.07/19]

13.f4 0.17/21

[13.Qh5± 0.54/21 g6 14.Qh6]

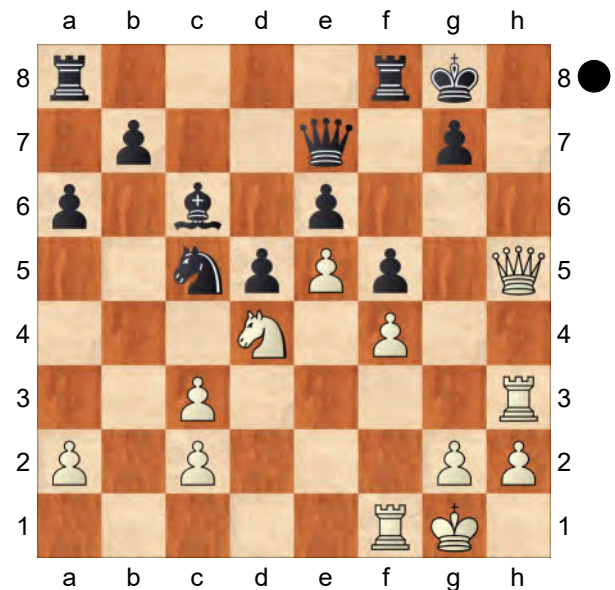
13...Nd7 14.Bxh7+ -0.01/23 Kxh7

15.Qh5+! Kg8 16.Rf3!→ Black must
now prevent f4-f5. White mounts an
attack. 16...f5

[16...g6? 17.Qh6+-]

17.Rh3 Nxc5 18.Rf1 -1.38/19

[18.g4!= 0.01/25 fxg4 19.Qxg4
(19.Nxc6? bxc6 20.Qxg4 Qf7-+)]



18...Qe8!±

[18...Be8? 19.Qh7+ Kf7 20.Rg3+-]

19.Qh7+

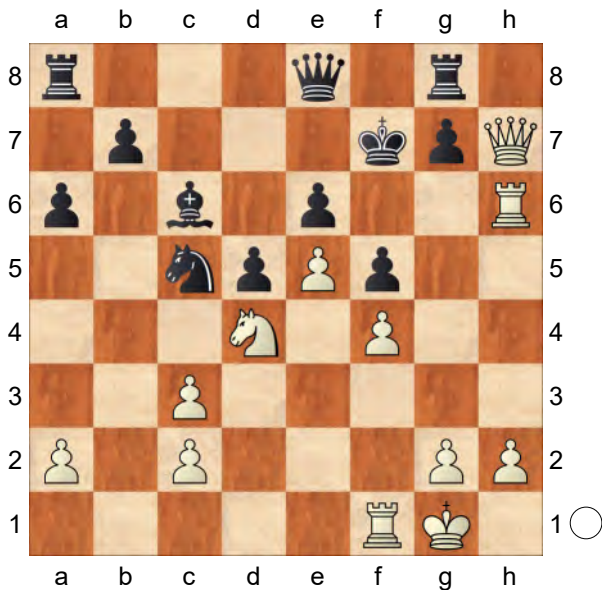
[19.Qh4? Kf7 20.Qh5+ Ke7
21.Qg5+ Kd7 22.Qxg7+ Rf7-+]

19...Kf7 Hoping for ...Rf8-h8. 20.Rh6
-1.98/21

[20.Rg3± -1.35/25 was necessary.
Ke7 21.Rxg7+ Kd8 22.Nxc6+ Qxc6
23.c4]

20...Rg8?? 4.45/25

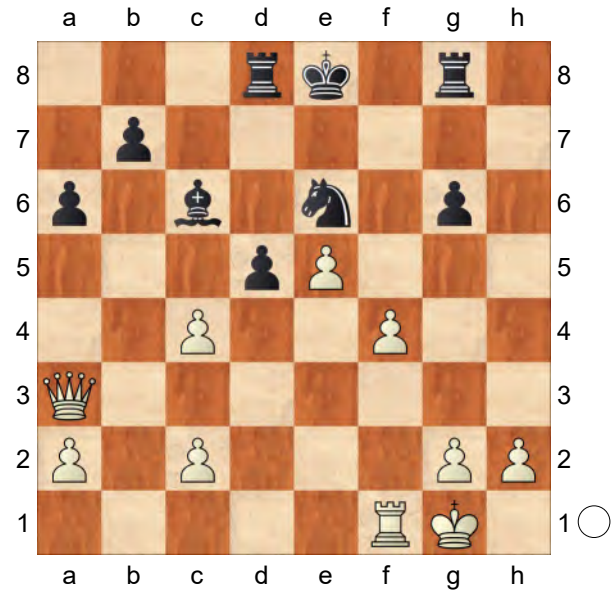
[20...Rh8 21.Rf6+ Ke7 22.Qxg7+ Kd8 23.Rxe6 Nxe6 24.Nxe6+ Qxe6 25.Qxh8+ Be8 26.h4#]
 [20...Ke7-+ -1.98/21 And now ...Qe8-f7 would win. 21.Qxg7+ Qf7 22.Qg5+ (22.Nxc6+? bxc6 23.Qg3 Rg8#) 22...Kd7]



21.Nxe6!+- Qxe6 22.Rxe6 Nxe6
23.Qxf5+ Ke7 24.Qh3 1.80/23
 [24.Qg6 3.95/22 Be8 25.Qg4]
24...g6 25.c4
 [25.f5?! gxf5 26.Rxf5 (26.Qh7+ Rg7#) 26...Raf8 27.Qh4+ Kd7#]
25...Rad8 26.Qa3+ 1.12/24
 [Better is 26.Qh7+ 1.53/22 Rg7 27.Qh4+ Kd7 28.cxd5 Bxd5 29.Rd1]
26...Ke8±

(Diagram)

27.c5 -0.01/22
 [27.cxd5!± 1.18/20 Bxd5 28.Qc3]
27...d4= 28.h4 Rd5 1.37/22
 [28...Ke7= -0.01/21 remains equal.]
29.Qh3± Ke7 30.h5 gxh5 Strongly

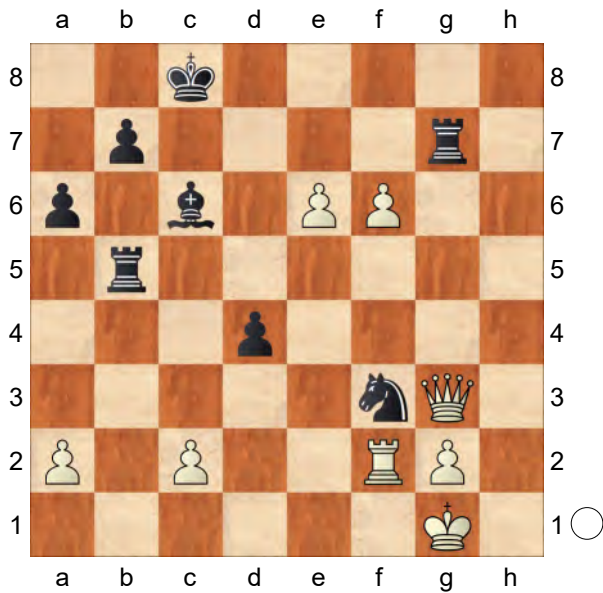


threatening ...Rg8-g4. **31.Qh4+ 0.30/23**
 The board is on fire.

[White should try 31.Rf2± 0.84/22]
31...Kd7= 32.Rf2 -0.01/21
 [32.Qf6± 0.42/21 feels stronger. Re8 33.f5 Nxc5 34.Qg7+ (34.Re1 Kc8=) 34...Kc8 35.e6]
32...Rxc5 1.22/23
 [32...Nxc5= -0.01/21 33.Qxh5 Kc8]
33.Qxh5
 [Resist 33.f5?! Ng5]
33...Rg7 2.34/21 Prevents Qh5-f7+.
 [33...Rxc2+? 34.Rxc2 Bxc2 35.Qf7+ Kd8 36.Qxe6 Rxc2 37.Qg8+ Ke7 38.Qh7+ Ke6 39.Qxc2+-]
 [33...Kc8± 0.95/24 was worth a try.]
34.Qh4? 0.01/22
 [34.Qh6+- 2.34/21 aiming for f4-f5. Be4 35.f5 Bxf5 36.Rxf5]
34...Rb5? 3.88/23
 [34...d3= 0.01/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 35.cxd3 Rc1+ 36.Kh2 Nxf4]
35.f5+- Ng5
 [35...Rb1+? 36.Kh2 Nf8 37.e6+ Kc7 38.e7+-]
36.e6+ Kc7 Threatens to win with ...Rb5-b1+. 37.Qg3+ Kc8 38.f6 Nf3+?

14.50/27

[38...Rg6 3.01/23]



39.Qxf3! Promotion. White is clearly winning. **39...Bxf3**

[39...Rb1+ 40.Rf1]

40.fxg7 Rg5 41.Rxf3 White threatens Rf3-f7 and mate. **41...Rxg7 42.Rf8+**

Kc7 43.Rf7+ Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.69

1-0

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A02

□ **Bird, Henry Edward**

■ **Blackburne, Joseph Henry**

Wien International-01 (13) 04.08.1873

[*Mon Hokmome*]

A02: Bird's Opening 1.f4 e6 2.Nf3 b6

[2...d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.Ng5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Ncxe4 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 Bb6 8.c3 Nc6 9.d4 0-0 10.Bd3 f5 11.Ng5 h6 12.Nf3 a6 13.Be3 Ba7 14.0-0 b5 15.b4 Bb7 16.a4 bxa4 17.Rxa4 Richter, F (1770)-Gilbert, R (1738)

ICCF 2022 Kommentierte Partien 2024 [Bellmann, Herbert] 1-0 (31)]

[2...f5 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Be7 5.e3 c5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Qc7 8.0-0 d5 9.Qe2 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Nd1 0-0 12.Nf2 Nd7 13.Nh3 Bf6 14.d4 Rfe8 15.Ne5 cxd4 16.exd4 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Bird, H-Lange, M Nuremberg 1883 Bird-Defence [Oleinikov] 1-0 (40)]

3.b3N

[3.e3 Bb7 4.Nc3 (4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2 Bf6 6.Ne5 Nh6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Rg1 Bxe5 9.fxe5 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qxh2 11.e4 Qxg1 12.Qf3 Qc5 13.0-0-0 Qxe5 14.Nd5 Qd6 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Bd3 Qe7 17.Rh1 e5 18.Rxh6 gxh6 Carr, T (1558)-Schoneberg, G (1365) Gausdal 2000 CCYB 4 [Dragan Solak] 1-0) 4...d5 5.d4 Nf6 6.a3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Ne4 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Be2 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Rc8 13.c3 Qd7 14.Bd2 c5 15.Rf4 Bg5 16.Rg4 Bh6 17.Rg3 f5 Qxd4 Side Lines-6.0-0 a5 7. Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 - P Game 9 1883 Mega2023 Update 22 [Glatman] 0-1 (51)]

[3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Nd7

6.d3 Bc5+ 7.e3 h5 8.Qe1 Nh6 9.b4 Be7 10.Bb2 Bf6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nbd2 Qe7 13.Nb3 Nf5 14.a4 h4 15.Nxh4 Nxh4 16.gxh4 Ng4 17.h3 Nh6 Philippe, C (2409)-Neagos, R (2074) Aix les Bains 2011 CBM 142 Extra [ChessBase II] 1-0]

3...Nf6 4.Bb2 Be7 5.c3 Bb7 6.e3 0-0 7.Na3 c5 8.Be2 Black is slightly better. 8...d5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nc2 Ne8 11.Qe1 Nd6 12.Rd1 a5 -0.11/18

[12...b5 ♣ -0.48/18]

13.Qg3 -0.82/21

[13.a4 != -0.11/18]

13...a4 ♣ 14.Bd3 -1.80/21

[14.b4 ♣ -0.77/20]

14...Ne4 -1.21/20

[14...axb3+ -1.80/21 15.Qh3 g6 16.axb3 c4 17.bxc4 dxc4]

15.Bxe4 -2.30/23

[15.Qe1 ♣ -1.21/20 was worth a try.]

15...dxe4+ 16.c4 f6 17.Nfe1 axb3

18.axb3 Ra2 19.Bc3 Rf7 -1.07/21

[Black should try 19...b5 -1.46/23 Threatens to win with ...b5-b4. 20.cxb5 Na7]

20.d4 ♣ f5 21.d5 -1.82/24

[21.Qh3 ♣ -1.11/21]

21...exd5+ 22.Rxd5 Qc8 Hoping for ... Nc6-a5. 23.Rd1 Bf6 -1.03/24

[♠ 23...Ba6 -1.56/21 24.Ra1 Rxa1 25.Nxa1 Qe6]

24.Bxf6 ♣ Rxf6 25.Rf2 Rg6 26.Qh4

Rh6↑ Black has the initiative. 27.Qg5 Black must now prevent Rf2-d2.

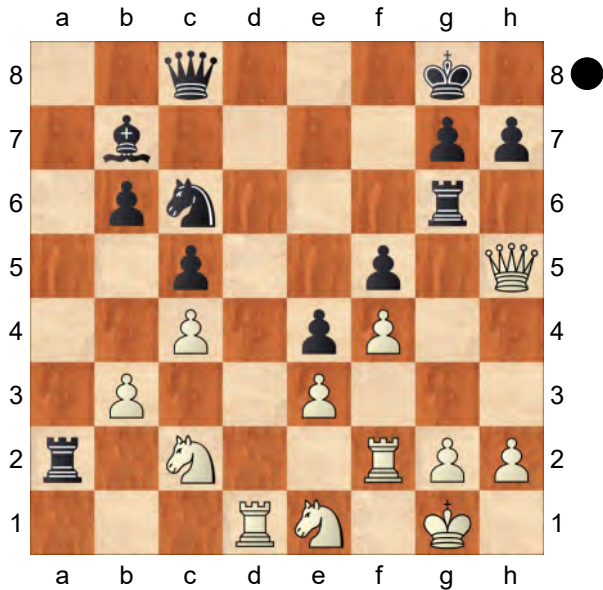
27...Rg6 0.01/21

[Better is 27...Qf8! ♣ -0.68/20]

28.Qh5 -0.91/19

[28.Qh4 != 0.01/21 remains equal.]

(Diagram)

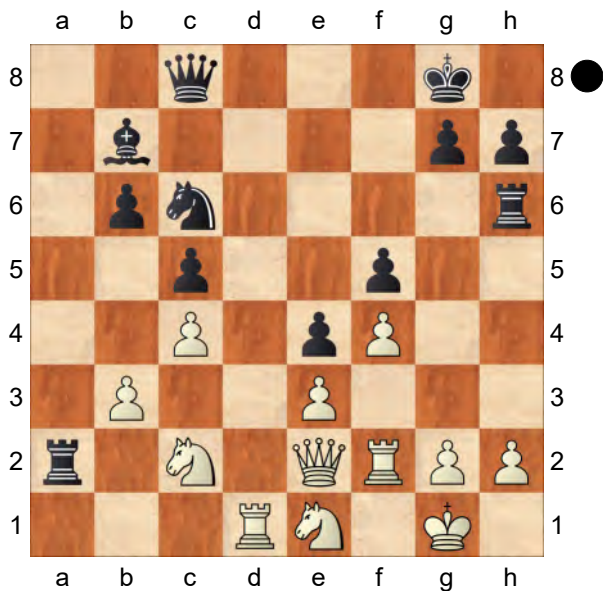


28...Rh6 0.01/26

[28...Rb2! -0.91/19 29.Rfd2 Ba6]

29.Qe2 -1.22/22

[29.Qg5= 0.01/26 Rg6 30.Qh5]



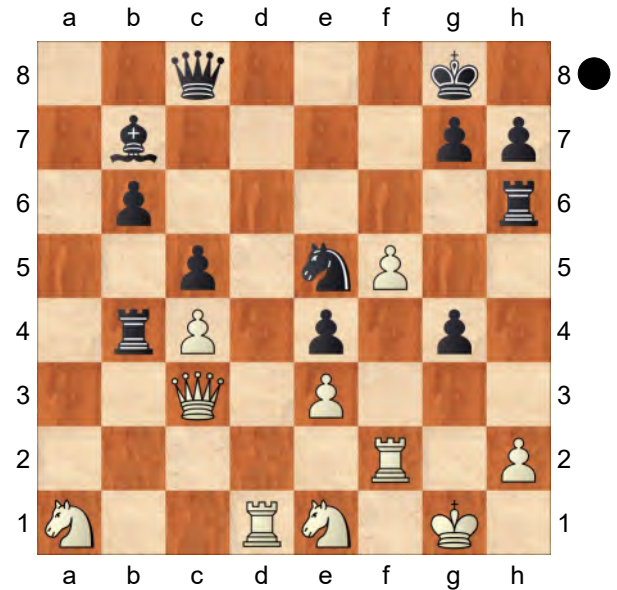
29...Rb2! 30.Qd2 Rxb3 &Nero is more active. **31.g4** -2.67/22 White does not recover from this.

[31.Na1 -1.20/24 Ra3 32.Qb2]

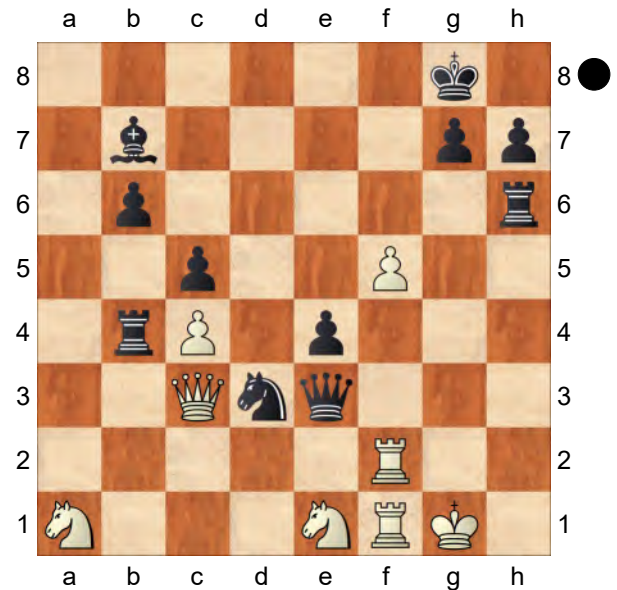
31...fxg4+ 32.f5? -5.08/24

[32.Na1 -2.45/23 Rb4 33.Qd5+ Qe6 34.Ra2]

32...Ne5 33.Na1 Rb4 34.Qc3



g3! 35.hxg3 Nd3 36.Rf1 Qc7 37.Rd2 Qxg3+ 38.Rg2 Qxe3+ 39.Rgf2



Rh1+!! -13.25/5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/Black=0.29 (precise)

0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Blackburne, Joseph Henry

cg Hastings cg

C32

1895

[Mon Hokmome]

C32: Falkbeer Counter Gambit: 3 exd5
e4 4 d3 Nf6 1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5
e4 4.c4

[4.d3 Nf6 5.dxe4 Nxe4 6.Nf3 c6
7.Bd3 cxd5 8.Bxe4 dxe4 9.Qxd8+
Kxd8 10.Ng5 Ke8 11.Nxe4 Nc6
12.Be3 Nb4 13.Na3 Bf5 14.Nc3 f6
15.Kf2 Bxc2 16.Ncb5 Kf7 17.Nxc2
Nxc2 18.Rac1 Nxe3 Asauskas, H
(2336)-Sulskis, S (2559) Kaunas 2009
CBM 132 Extra [Martin, Andrew D] 0-1
(42)]

4...c6 5.Nc3N

[5.Qe2 Nf6 6.d3 Bf5 7.Bd2 Bc5
8.dxe4 Nxe4 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Nxe4
Bxe4 11.Qg4 f5 12.Qg3 Na6 13.a3
cxd5 14.Nf3 d4 15.Ne5 Be7 16.h4
Nc5 17.h5 h6 18.b4 Ne6 19.Be2
Bf6 Naples-Hermann Manfred Chiva
1903 ZUS D57 [CPQC vol 2 p107] 0-1
(32)]

5...Nf6 White should prevent ...Bf8-c5.
Black has compensation. 6.d3 -0.50/20

[6.d4!= -0.01/20]

6...Bb4⌘ Strongly threatening ...0-0.

7.Qb3 -0.98/21

[7.Nge2= -0.25/20]

7...Qe7⌘ 8.d4 Black is better. 8...0-0!

9.Be2 -1.04/24

[9.a3⌘ -0.55/21 was preferable. Ba5
10.dxc6]

9...cxd5 10.cxd5 Rd8 White must now
prevent ...Nf6xd5. & Nero is more active.

11.Kf1 -1.86/19

[11.a3⌘ -0.94/21 is a better defense.
Bxc3+ 12.bxc3]

11...Bxc3 -1.37/22

[11...Na6+ -1.86/19 ...Na6-c7 is the
strong threat. 12.Bc4 Nc7]

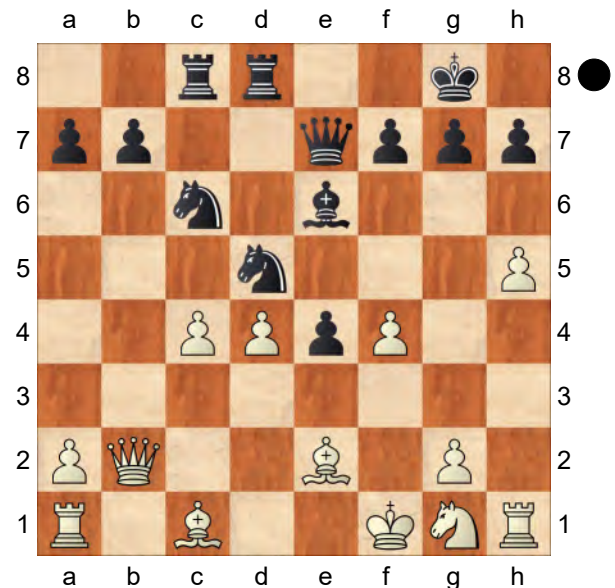
12.bxc3 Nxd5 And now ...Nb8-c6 would
win. 13.h4 -2.50/21

[13.c4⌘ -1.25/21 is the only way for
White. Nf6 14.Bb2]

13...Nc6+ 14.h5 -3.52/21

[14.Nh3 -2.13/20 was necessary.]

14...Be6 15.Qb2 Rac8 Threatens to
win with ... Nd5xc3! 16.c4



Nxf4 -0.37/21 Pair of Knights!

[16...Nxd4!+ -3.90/22 17.cxd5
(17.Qxd4? Nxf4 18.Qb2 Qg5+)
17...Rxd5]

17.c5 -8.95/24 This move loses the
game for White.

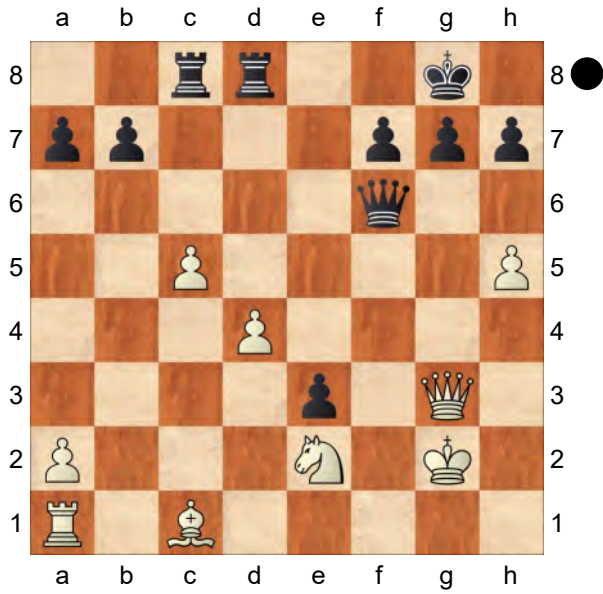
[17.Bxf4⌘ -0.37/21 Nxd4 18.Rc1]

17...Qg5 18.g4 Bxg4 19.Rh2
Inhibits Bg4-h3+. 19...Ne5 20.Qd2
Bxe2+ 21.Nxe2 Nf3? -1.43/21

[21...Ned3+ -4.20/23 and Black stays
clearly on top. 22.Qc2 (22.Nxf4?
Qf6+) 22...b6 23.Bxf4 Nxf4]

22.Qxf4⌘ Nxh2+ 23.Qxh2 Qf6+
-0.41/21 Weighted Error Value: White=0.
97/Black=1.00

[23...e3+ -1.73/22 24.Qg3 Qf6+
25.Kg2



Rxc5!! 26.dxc5 Qxa1]

0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Blackburne, Joseph Henry

London International Masters (24.2)

[Mon Hokmome]

A02

A02: Bird's Opening 1.f4 e6 2.Nf3 b6N

[2...d5 3.g3 (3.e4 dxe4 4.Ng5 Nf6
5.Nc3 Nd5 6.Ngxe4 Nxf4 7.d4 Nd5
8.Qh5 g6 9.Nxd5 gxh5 10.Nef6+
Qxf6 11.Nxf6+ Ke7 12.Nxh5 Nc6
13.Bg5+ Kd6 14.Rd1 h6 15.Bf4+
Ke7 16.Bxc7 f6 17.Bc4 Bd7 1

Chapter Part 7-Game 1 Game) 3...c5

4.Bg2 Nc6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d3 Be7 7.e4
dxe4 8.dxe4 Nxe4 9.Ne5 Nxe5
10.Qxd8+ Bxd8 11.fxe5 f5 12.exf6
Nxf6 13.Na3 0-0 14.Nb5 a6 15.Nd6
Nd5 16.Rxf8+ Kxf8 17.c4 5

Chapter Part 6-Game 5 Game]

[2...f5 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.e3
Be7 6.b3 Ng4 7.Bb2 Bf6 8.Bd3 d6
9.0-0 0-0 10.h3 Nh6 11.a3 e5
12.fxe5 dxe5 13.Bb1 e4 14.Nh2
Be6 15.Ba2 Qd3 16.Rf2 Rad8
17.Nf1 2.c4 e5 (2600)-Wollerova, J
London (Bishopsgate) 1875 200
Traps In The Opening [Dorner,
Cranbourne] 1-0 (42)]

[2...g6 3.d3 Nc6 4.e4 Nf6 5.Be2
d5 6.e5 Nh5 7.g4 Ng7 8.d4 Bb4+
9.c3 Be7 10.h4 f5 11.g5 Nh5
12.Rg1 Bd7 13.Be3 a6 14.Nh2 Ng7
15.h5 0-0 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.Nd2
Ungern Sternberg, K (1625)-4.Nf3
Nbd7 5.Bg5 Be7 (1874) Tel Aviv 2013
The Benko Gambit: MBM [Van Perlo
FS 92:132A] 0-1 (35)]

3.e3 Bb7 4.Nc3 d5 5.d4 Nf6 6.a3

<xml X:en>[Mr. Bird thought this
necessary to prevent the pin of the
Knight.]</:en X/xml> [Mr. Bird thought
this necessary to prevent the pin of the

Knight.] 6...Be7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0

The position is equal. 8...Ne4

<xml X:en>[It is a matter for individual
judgment when the Knight ought to go
into e4. Mr. Bird thought the move
premature.]</:en X/xml> [It is a matter for
individual judgment when the Knight
ought to go into e4. Mr. Bird thought the
move premature.] 9.Ne5 0-0 -0.05/19

[9...Nxc3! -0.39/20 10.bxc3 0-0]
10.Nxe4!= dxe4 11.Be2 Nxe5 12.fxe5
Rc8 13.c3 [%draw arrow,d1,a4,yellow]

13...Qd7 <xmlX:en>[Preventing 14.
<sym>Q</sym>a4.]</:en X/ xml>

[Preventing 14. Q a 4 .] 14.Bd2

<xmlX:en>[This allows Black to advance
his c-pawn at once.]</:en X/xml> [This
allows Black to advance his c-pawn at
once.] 14...c5 15.Rf4 Bg5 16.Rg4
-0.65/21

[16.Rf1= -0.24/19]

16...Bh6 -0.26/20 <xmlX:en>[Keeping up
the pressure on the weak e-pawn.]</
:enX/xml> [Keeping up the pressure on
the weak e-pawn.]

[16...Qd8 -0.65/21
is more appropriate.]

17.Rg3 f5 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.Qb3
-0.47/20

[19.dxc5= 0.01/23 Rd8 20.Be1]

19...Rcf8 20.Re1 -0.85/23

[20.Qd1 -0.42/20 feels stronger.]

20...Rf2 <xmlX:en>[Forcing White to
release his attack on the e-pawn.]</
:enX/xml> [Forcing White to release
his attack on the e-pawn.] 21.Qd1 cxd4

0x0. 001ed6c999bcdp-1022s more
active pieces. 22.cxd4 Bd5 23.Bb4
R8f7 24.Ba6 -1.77/22

[24.h4 -0.47/21]

24...b5 -0.74/24

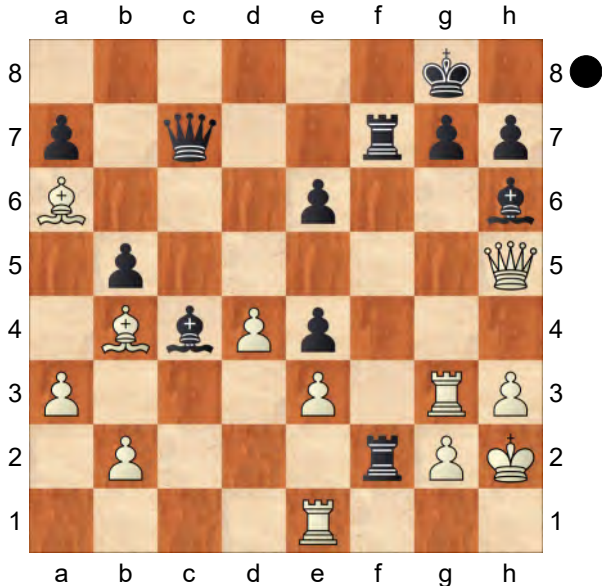
[24...Rxb2+ -1.77/22 aiming for ...g7-
g6. 25.Qc1 Rbf2]

25.Qh5 [When White played 24.Ba6 he intended this, quite overlooking Black's rejoinder.]
25...Bc4 -0.65/28
26.h3 Qh5xh6 is the strong threat.

[26.h4? -4.15/25 26.h2-h3 -0.62
 was decidedly superior.]

26...Qc7 → Black attacks. Chess con
 chili. **27.Kh2** -1.88/26

[27.Qe5 -0.63/26 Qxe5 28.dxe5]

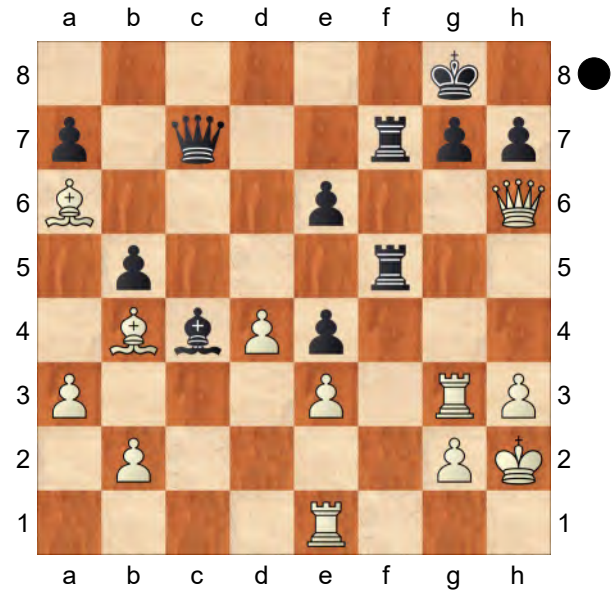


27...R2f5!+ 28.Qxh6

[He had no better move. If
 He had no better move. If
 28.Qh4? -3.73/25 28.Qh5xh6 -1.98
 Bg5 29.Qg4 -5.02/23 (29.Qxe4
 -3.23/25 Bd5 30.Qg4) 29...h5
 30.Qxh5 Bxe3 and wins.]

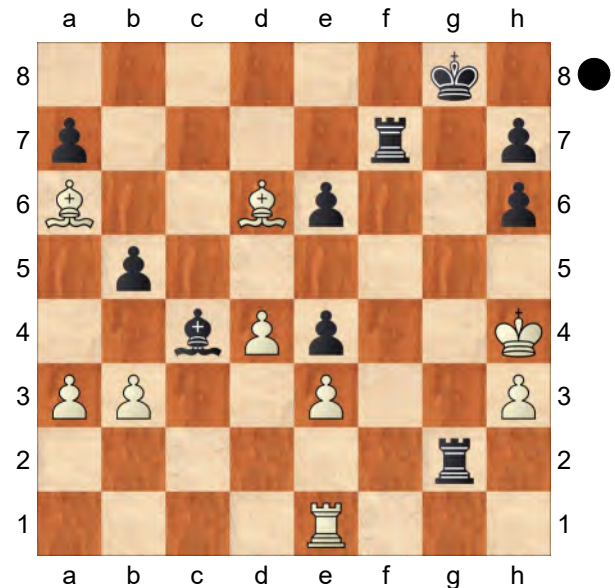
(Diagram)

28...Qxg3+ 29.Kxg3 gxh6 30.Bd6
 -3.14/25



[30.b3 -1.88/25 might work better.
 Bxb3 31.Re2]

30...Rg5+ 31.Kh4 Rxd2 32.b3



Be2 -1.10/28

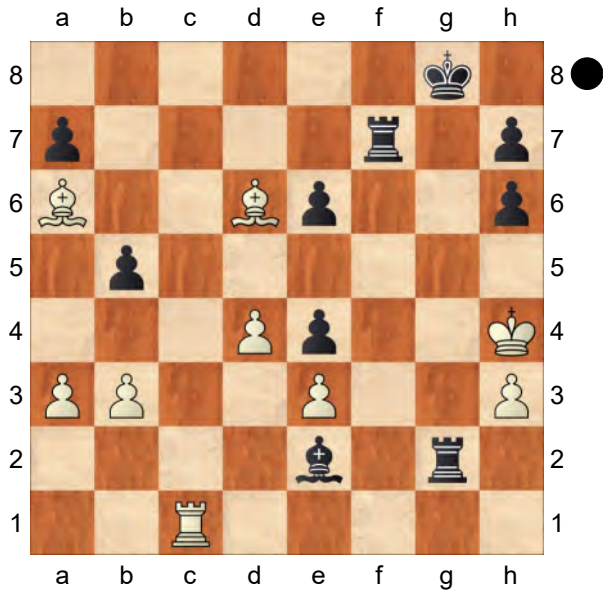
[Wrong is 32...Bxb3? 33.Bxb5 Rf3
 34.Be5+]

[32...Rf1!+ -2.78/23 33.Rxf1 Bxf1]

33.Rc1 -1.88/25

[33.Bc8 -1.10/28 Rf6 34.Rc1]

(Diagram)



33...Rf5! 34.Rc5 Rgg5 -1.44/24
 [34...b4-+ -1.92/23 35.Bc8 Rxc5
 36.Bxc5 Kf7 37.axb4 a6]

35.Rxf5 -2.76/22
 [35.Bc8+ -1.44/24 was called for.
 Rh5+ 36.Kg3 Rf3+ 37.Kg2]

35...Rxf5+ Endgame KRB-KB
 [Not 35...exf5 36.Bf4 Kg7 37.Bc8+
 (37.Bxg5? hxg5+ 38.Kxg5 b4-+)]

36.a4? -4.18/25 <xmlX:en>[Mr. Bird
 would not be himself if he did not die
 game. His Bishops are very powerful in
 the endgame.]</:en X/xml> [Mr. Bird
 would not be himself if he did not die
 game. His Bishops are very powerful in
 the endgame.]
 [36.Bb7 -2.56/23]

36...Bd3 37.a5 Rf3 38.Bc5? -4.62/27
 [38.Bc8 -2.51/23 Rxe3 39.Bxe6+
 Kg7 40.Bc5]

38...Bf1-+ <xmlX:en>[Rather than play
 a defensive game.]</:en X/xml> [Rather
 than play a defensive game.] **39.Bxa7**
Bxh3 (→ ...Bh3-f5) 40.Bb8 <xmlX:en>
 [The only move to prevent mate or the
 loss of a piece.]</:en X/xml> [The only
 move to prevent mate or the loss of a
 piece.] **40...Rxe3 41.Bb7 Bf5 42.Bg3**

Rxb3 43.d5 <xmlX:en>[Another little
 flutter.]</:en X/xml> [Another little flutter.]

43...Ra3 44.d6 Kf7? -0.49/24

[44...e5-+ -8.90/27 45.Bc6 Kf7
 46.Bxb5 Rxa5]

45.a6? -8.42/25

[45.d7+ -0.49/24 Rd3 46.a6 Rxd7
 47.a7]

45...e5 <xmlX:en>[The only move to
 save Black's game.]</:en X/xml>. Black
 is clearly winning. [The only move to
 save Black's game.] **46.Bd5+ Ke8**

Strongly threatening ...Ke8-d7. **47.Bc6+**
Bd7 48.Bb7 Kf8 49.Bd5 Rxa6

<xmlX:en>[A "coup de repos". White has
 to play, and cannot do so without loss.
]</:en X/xml> [A "coup de repos". White
 has to play, and cannot do so without
 loss.] **50.Bxe5 Ra3 51.Bg3 Rc3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/
 Black=0.49

0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Brien, Robert Barnett

British CA-02 International Masters (1.2)
[Mon Hokmome]C01: French: Exchange Variation 1.e4
e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Nf6
5.Nf3 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Be3 -0.14/19[7.Bg5 0.20/20 h6 8.Bh4 Re8
9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.c4 dxc4 11.Nxc4
Be7 12.Re1 c5 13.Nce5 Nxe5
14.dxe5 Nd7 15.e6 fxe6 16.Rxe6
Bxh4 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bc4+ Kh8
19.Nxh4 Qe4 20.Qd5 Qxd5 21.Bxd5
g5 22.Ng6+ Plitzko, C (2470)-Spodny,
J (2265) Göteborg 1999 Schiller's List
1.d4 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (60)]

7...h6N

[7...Nc6 8.c3 Ne7 9.Nbd2 Ng4
10.Qc2 Ng6 11.Rae1 c6 12.h3
Nxe3 13.Rxe3 Re8 14.Rxe8+ Qxe8
15.Re1 Qd8 16.Nf1 Be6 17.Ne3
Qf6 18.Bf5 h5 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nf1
Re8 21.Kh1 e5 22.dxe5 5.Nc3 d5-
Da Silva, P Colombo 1876 ZUS D57
[Moh. Samraoui] 1-0 (58)][7...c6 8.Nbd2 h6 9.Re1 Re8
10.Nf1 Bg4 11.Ng3 Ne4 12.h3 Bc8
13.c3 Nxc3 14.fxc3 Bxc3 15.Re2
Nd7 16.Qf1 Nf6 17.Nd2 Bd6
18.Rae1 Bg3 19.Ra1 Be6 20.Qf3
Bc7 21.Rae1 Qd6 22.Kf2
Ichchha, S-Koul, N (1398) Jamshedpur
2023 0-1 (36)][7...Bg4 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.c3 c6
10.Qc2 Qc7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Nxf3
Rae8 13.Rae1 Ne4 14.Bc1 f5
15.Re2 h6 16.Rfe1 g5 17.Nd2 Bh2+
18.Kf1 Bf4 19.Kg1 Bh2+ 20.Kf1
Ndf6 21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.Nf3
Vergani, B-Schiffers, E Hastings 1895
Tournaments [Gunsberg] 0-1 (37)]

C01

8.Ne5 Re8 9.f4! a6 0.39/22

[9...Na6= -0.03/19 should be
considered.]

10.Nd2 Nc6 11.c3 Against Nc6-b4

11...Ne7! 12.Ndf3 -0.29/19

[12.Bf2± 0.34/21]

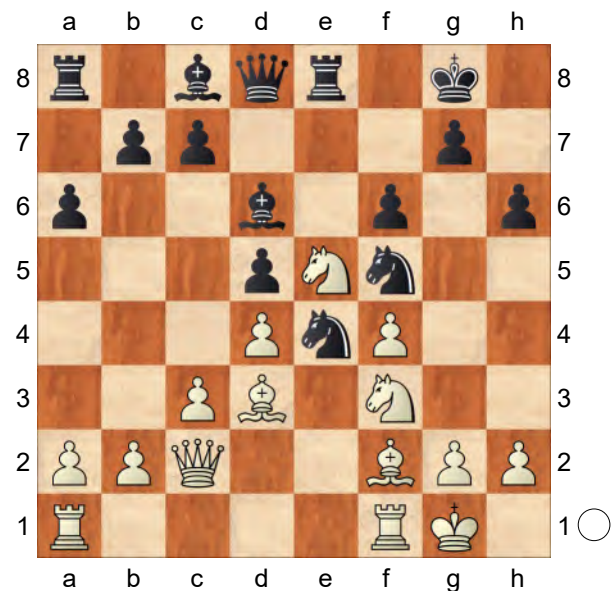
12...Nf5 0.24/21

[Black should try 12...Bf5 -0.29/19]

13.Bf2= Ne4 14.Qc2 -0.01/21

[14.Qb3!± 0.55/19]

14...f6



15.g4! fxe5

[15...Ne7!?]

[15...Nxd4 16.cxd4]

16.fxe5

(Diagram)

Bf8 0.85/21

[16...Nxf2 17.Qxf2 Nxd4 18.Qxd4±
(18.Nxd4 Rxe5 19.Qf7+ Kh8)][16...Nxd4!= -0.20/22 remains equal.
17.cxd4 (17.Bxd4 c5) 17...Bxc4]

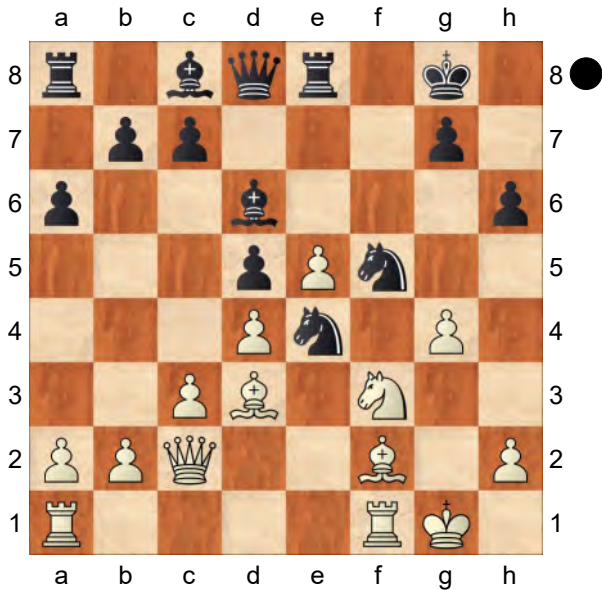
17.gxf5± Bxf5 18.Bg3 0.12/22

[White should play 18.Be3± 1.16/21]

18...Bh3!= 19.Rfe1 Nxc3 0.97/23

[19...c5!= -0.01/20]

20.hxc3± White stays focused until the



end. 20...g5 2.06/23

[20...Be7± 0.77/21 is a better defense.]

21.Re2 1.22/22

[21.Nh2+- 2.06/23]

21...Bg4 2.23/22

[21...Bg7± 1.22/22]

22.Rf2 Hoping for Nf3-h2. 22...Bxf3 4.85/25

[22...Bg7 1.92/21 keeps fighting. 23.Nh2 Be6]

23.Rxf3+- Strongly threatening Bd3-h7+. 23...Re7 Against Bd3-h7+ 24.Raf1 Qd7 25.Qf2 Bg7 26.Bb1 Qe6 27.Qc2 Bf8? 10.53/25

[27...Bh8 3.50/22 28.b4 b6]

28.Rf6 Qh3 29.Qf2 Bg7 30.Bf5 Qh5

31.Bg6 Qh3 32.Rf7 Rxf7 7.35/28

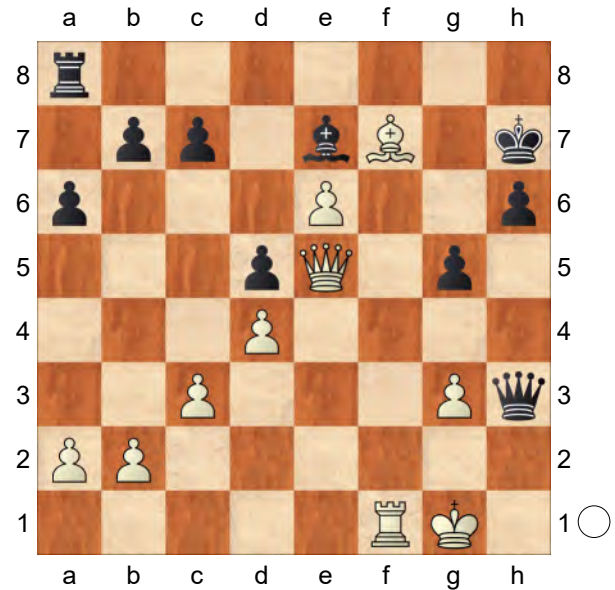
[32...Qe6 4.77/25 33.Rxe7 Qxe7 34.Qf7+ Qxf7 35.Rxf7 Rc8]

33.Bxf7+

[Less strong is 33.Qxf7+ Kh8 34.Rf3 (34.Qxc7 Rc8=) 34...Rf8 35.Qxd5 g4 36.Rxf8+ Bxf8+-]

33...Kh8 34.e6 Inhibits Qh3-d7. 34...Bf8 35.Qe3 Be7 36.Qe5+ Kh7

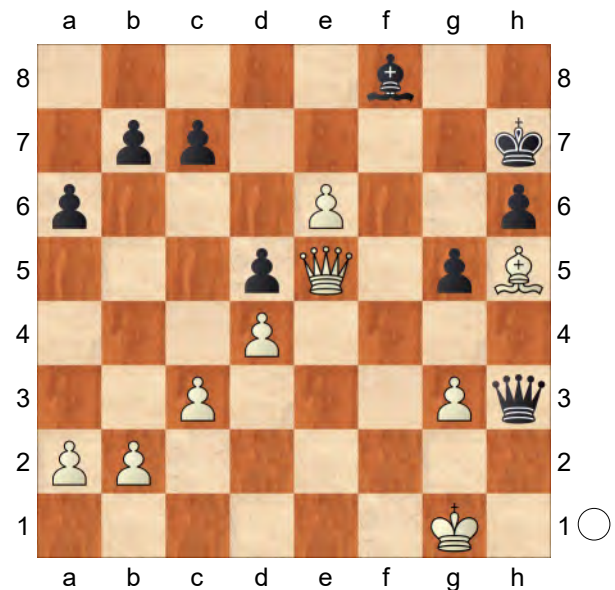
(Diagram)



37.Bh5! Rf8

[37...Qxh5 38.Rf7+]

38.Rxf8 White mates. 38...Bxf8



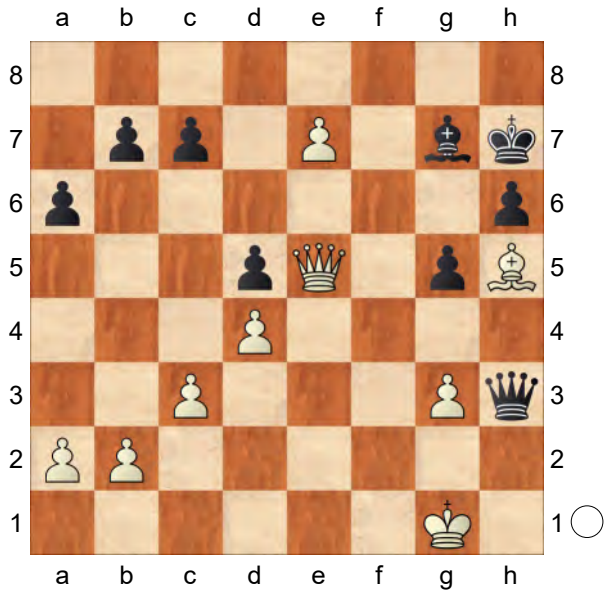
39.e7! Bg7

[39...Qxh5 40.Qf5+]

(Diagram)

40.Bg6+! 6.17/5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.62

1-0



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A03

□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Burn, Amos

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1886

[Mon Hokmome]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 1.f4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.b3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.Nc3

[7.0-0 Nc6 8.Ne5 Nb4 9.Rf3 Nxd3 10.cxd3 d4 11.Rg3 Qd5 12.Na3 Rb8 13.Ng4 b5 14.e4 Qd8 15.Nf2 a6 16.Nc2 b4 17.Ne1 Bb7 18.Nf3 Nh5 19.Nh3 Nxc3 20.hxc3 h6 21.Kf2 f5 Lisik, V (1854)-Grandelius, N (2156) ICCF XI Olympiad Final 2016 Juniors [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (51)]

7...Nc6 8.Bb5N Black is slightly better.

[8.0-0 a6 9.Qe1 Nb4 10.Ne5 Nd7 11.Nxd7 Bxd7 12.Qg3 Bf6 13.Nd1 Bxb2 14.Nxb2 Qf6 15.Rab1 Bb5 16.Qf3 Rfc8 17.a4 Be8 18.c3 Nxd3 19.Nxd3 Qf5 20.Qe2 Rab8 21.g4 Qe4 22.b4 Qc4 Wagner, P-Vaibhav, J Reggio Emilia 1924 ZUS D66 [FS 106] 0-1 (41) 23.bxc5 a5 24.f5 e5 25.Kf2 f6 26.Rb6 Bc6 27.Rfb1 h5 28.h3 hxc4 29.hxc4 Kf7 30.Ne1 Qxc5 31.g5 Rh8 32.Qg4 Qc4 33.d4 Qxc3 34.Nf3 Qc2+ 35.Kg3 Kf8 36.Nh4 exd4 37.Qf4 Re8 Grigoriev, N-Bogoljubow, E Moscow 1924 URS-ch [ChessBase] 0-1 (41)]

8...Qc7 9.Bxc6 Qxc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Ne2 -0.92/16

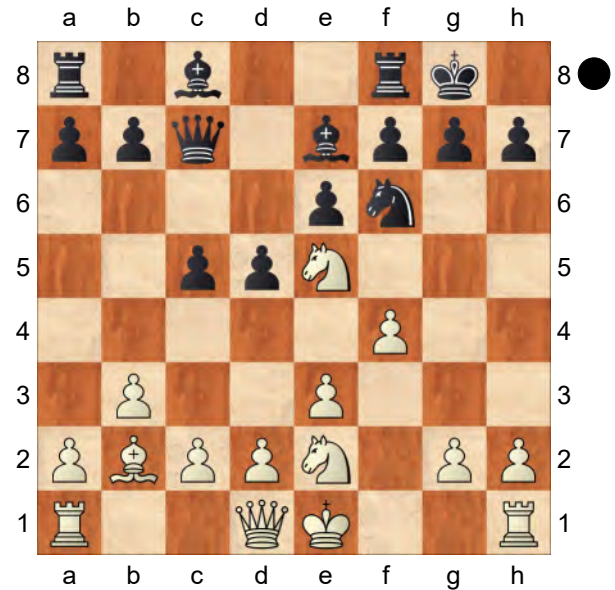
[11.a4 ♣ -0.46/18]

(Diagram)

11...Rd8 -0.53/18

[11...b5! ♣ -0.92/16]

12.Ng3 Bd7 -0.13/18



[12...b5 ♣ -0.62/18]

13.0-0 Be8 14.Ng4 -0.63/20

[14.f5= -0.04/18]

14...d4 0.14/18

[14...Ne4! ♣ -0.63/20]

15.e4 -0.28/19

[15.f5! 0.14/18 feels stronger.]

15...Nxe4 0.14/21 16.Nxe4= aiming for Ne4-g3. **16...f5 17.Ng5 Bxc5 18.fxc5 fxc4 19.Qxc4 e5**

[19...Bd7 feels hotter. 20.Rae1 Rf8 21.g6 hxc6 22.Qxc6 Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 Rf8]

20.c3 -0.01/21

[20.Rae1 ± 0.40/20]

20...Bg6 21.Qg3 -0.53/22

[21.h4= 0.04/21]

21...Rd7 22.Rac1 -0.63/22

[22.h4= -0.25/23 was preferable.]

22...Qd6 0.07/20

[22...Qa5 ♣ -0.63/22 23.a3 Re8]

23.h4 -0.25/22

[Δ23.cxd4 0.07/20 cxd4 24.h4]

23...Re8 24.b4 -0.98/21

[24.Qh3= -0.11/23 remains equal.]

24...dxc3 ♣ & Nero is more active.

25.dxc3 c4 -0.55/21

[25...e4 ♣ -1.15/22 26.Qxd6 Rxd6]

26.Qg4 -1.33/20

[26.Rce1! ♞ -0.55/21]

26...Qe6 -0.57/24

[26...Bd3 ♞ -1.33/20 27.Rf2 e4]

27.Qg3? -4.30/23 Loses the game.

[Better is 27.Qxe6+ ♞ -0.57/24 Rxe6
28.Rce1]

27...e4 -1.99/24

[⚡ 27...Rd3 -4.30/23 28.Rf3 (28.Qf2?
e4-+) 28...Rd2]

28.Qf4 -6.62/24

[28.Rcd1 -1.99/24]

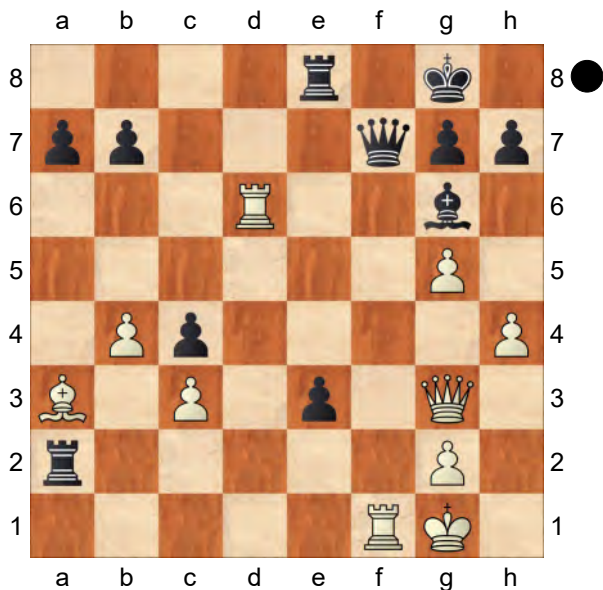
28...e3-+ Hoping for ...e3-e2. **29.Rfd1**

Rf7 30.Qg3 Rf2 31.Ba3 Rxa2 32.Rd6

Qf7 And now ...Qf7-f2+ would win.

[Less strong is 32...Rxa3 33.Rxe6
Rxe6 34.Qg4±]

33.Rf1



Qxf1+!! 34.Kxf1 e2+ -6.81/5

[⚡ 34...Ra1+ -15.25/26 35.Ke2 Bh5+
36.Qf3 Ra2+ 37.Ke1 Bxf3 38.gxf3
e2]

35.Ke1 Ra1+ Weighted Error Value:

White=1.22/Black=0.55

0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Burn, Amos

London

C54

1886

[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4.c3 Nf6, main lines with 5.d4 and 5.d3 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.b4 Bb6 6.Qb3 -0.33/20

[6.d3= 0.12/19 d6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Nbd2 c6 9.Re1 0-0 10.a4 Ng6 11.a5 Bc7 12.Bb3 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 h6 15.Bc4 Bf5 16.Bd2 b6 17.axb6 axb6 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.b5 cxb5 20.Bxb5 Ndf4 21.Bc4 Alekhine, A (2505)-Id2 (2725) chess24.com (Int.-m1/3-rapid) 151/118 1988 Telechess CBM 89 [HB] (68)]

6...0-0 7.d3 d6 0.00/19

[7...Ne7 -0.39/19]

8.Bg5 -0.73/18

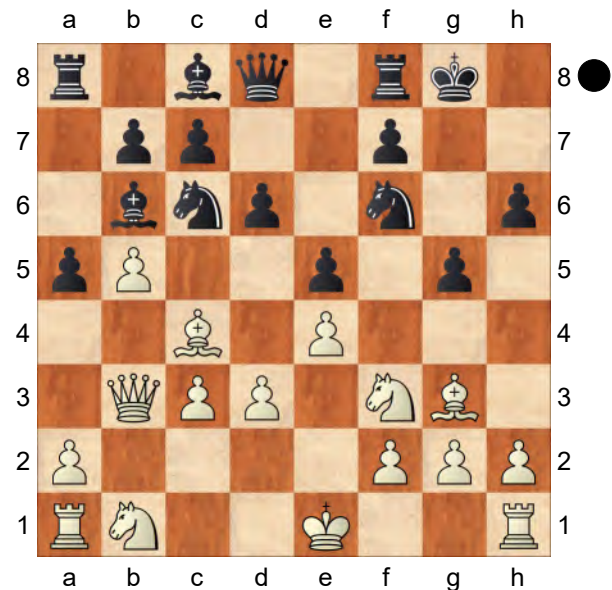
[8.a4= 0.00/19 remains equal. a5 (8...a6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Qe7 11.Nbd2 Nd8 12.0-0 Ne6 13.Rfe1 Nf4 14.Nf1 Bg4 15.Ne3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ng6 17.Rf1 c6 18.a5 Nxh4 19.Nxh4 d5 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Qxd5 Qxh4 23.Qxb7 Pakleza, Z (2241)-Ozog, B (2475) Amsterdam NED 2008 Inf 57 [ChessBase/Karsten Mueller] 0-1 (33)) 9.b5]

8...h6N Black is better.

[8...Ne7 9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.0-0 h6 11.Be3 c6 12.d4 d5 13.Bd3 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Be6 16.Qb2 f5 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.bxc5 f4 19.Bc1 Bd5 20.Qc2 Bxf3 21.Qxg6 Rf6 22.Qd3 e4 23.Qc4+ Qxd4 Side Lines-Noteboom A Main Line Sokhumi 1878 Juniors [Wang, Zili; Zhu, Chen] 0-1]

9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 -0.45/18

[10...a5 -0.82/20 11.b5



a4!]

11.Nbd2 c6 12.d4 -1.11/21

[12.Qc2 -0.55/19]

12...exd4 -0.42/21

[Better is 12...d5 -1.11/21 13.exd5 e4]

13.Nxd4 Nxe4? 2.27/25 14.Nxe4+- d5

15.Nf6+ Kg7 16.Nh5+ Kg6? 4.66/21

[16...Kg8 2.42/21]

17.Bd3+ Kxh5 8.71/25

[17...f5 4.30/21 18.h4 g4 19.Nf4+ Kf7]

18.Qd1+ Bg4? #2/6

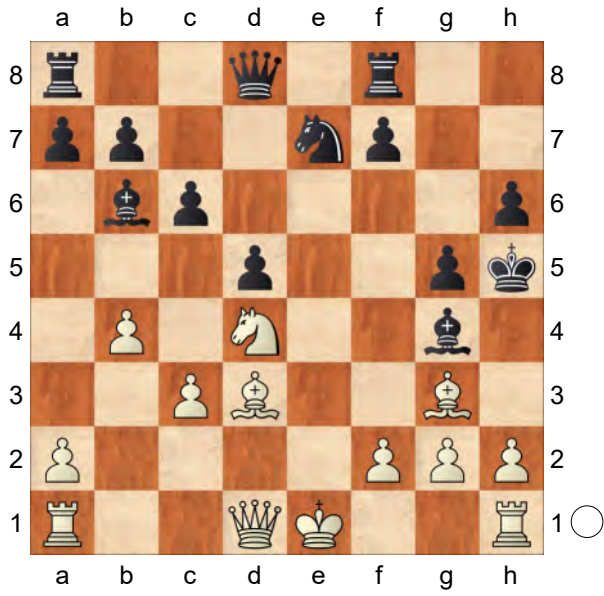
[18...g4± 1.57/5 19.h3 Ng6 20.hxg4+ Kg5 21.Qd2+ Kf6 22.Qxh6 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Ke7 24.Bxg6 Qe8]

(Diagram)

19.Qxg4+! Remove Defender 19...Kxg4

20.Be2# Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=1.27

1-0



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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Chigorin, Mikhail Ivanovich

London International Masters (4) 1.5.83
[Mon Hokmome]

C58

C58: Two Knights: 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5
sidelines 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4
Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.d3 h6
7.Nf3 e4 8.Qe2 Nxc4 9.dxc4 Bc5
10.h3 -0.57/20

[10.Nfd2= -0.12/22]

10...0-0 11.Nh2 b5 0.05/20

[11...c6 0.56/21]

12.Nc3 -0.64/21

[12.cxb5= 0.05/20 Nxd5 13.0-0]

12...bxc4 0.01/19

[12...b4! 0.64/21 13.Na4
(13.Nxe4? Nxe4 14.0-0 Ng3-+)
13...Bd6]

13.Qxc4 -0.98/22

[13.0-0!= 0.01/19]

13...Qd6 aiming for ...Bc8-a6. 14.0-0
-1.42/22[14.Na4 -0.74/22 Bb6 15.Nxb6
axb6 16.Qc6 Qxd5 17.Qxd5 Nxd5
18.Bd2]

14...Ba6 Skewer. & Nero is more active.

15.Nb5 Qb6N -0.08/22

[15...Qxd5 -1.57/21 16.Qxd5 Nxd5]
[15...Bxb5 16.Qxb5 Nxd5 17.Qe2
Rfe8 18.Rd1 Rad8 19.Be3 Bxe3
20.fxe3 Qb6 21.Nf1 Qxb2 22.Qf2
Rd6 23.c4 Qxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Rf6+
25.Kg1 Nc3 26.Rd7 Rc6 27.Ng3
Re5 28.Rf1 Rg5 29.Nf5 Ne2+
30.Kh2 Abdullin, R-Tazelaar, H Las
Palmas 1922 CBM 193 Extra [FS 106]
½-½ (33)]

16.a4= Nxd5

[16...Rfd8!?]

17.Qxe4 -1.45/21

[17.Qxd5= -0.01/23 keeps the

balance. c6 18.Qxe4 cxb5 19.a5]

17...c6 18.Ng4 f5 -0.66/23

[18...cxb5 19.Qxd5 bxa4 20.c4]

[Black should play 18...Rfe8 -1.58/20

19.Nxh6+ gxh6 20.Qg4+ Kh7

21.Qf5+ Kg8 22.Qg4+ Kh7 23.Qf5+

Kg8 24.Qg4+]

19.Qe6+ -4.06/22 Loses the game.

[White must play 19.Nxh6+! -0.66/23

gxh6 20.Qe6+ Rf7 21.b4 (21.Bxh6?

cxb5 22.Qxb6 Nxb6-+)]

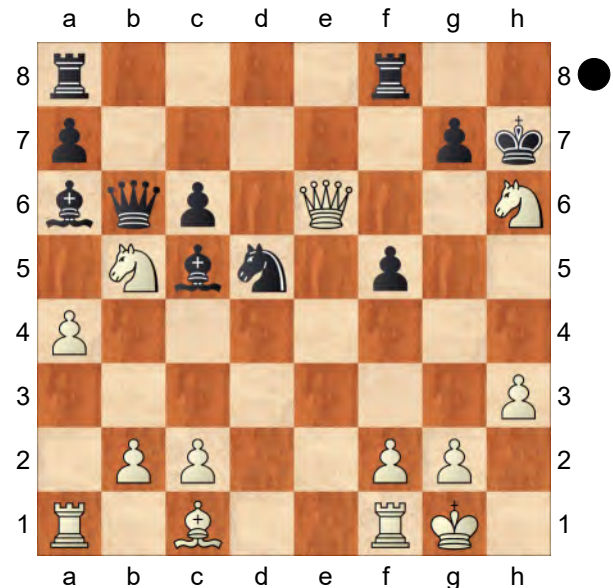
19...Kh7+ 20.Nxh6 -7.51/23

[20.Ne5 Rf6 21.Qd7 Bc8]

[20.b4 -3.88/23 Nxb4 21.Ne5 cxb5

22.Qxb6 axb6 23.axb5 Bxb5

24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.c4]



20...Rf6? -2.85/24

[20...cxb5? 21.Nf7 Nf6 22.Ng5+
Kg6 23.a5-+ (23.axb5? Bxb5 24.c4
Bd7-+)][20...Bxf2+! -7.51/23 21.Rxf2
(21.Kh2 Rae8) 21...Rae8]

21.Qe5

[21.Qd7? Rd8 22.Qxa7 Qxa7
23.Nxa7 gxh6-+]

21...gxh6 22.c4 cxb5 23.axb5 Bb7

24.cxd5 Bd4 -1.43/24

[24...Rd8-+ -2.60/23 25.b4
(25.Rxa7? Rf7-+) 25...Bd6]

25.Qe7+ ♣ Kh8 ...Ra8-g8 is the strong threat. 26.Bf4 Rg8↑ White is under strong pressure.

[26...Bxb2?! 27.Bc7 Qd4 28.Rfd1=]

27.g3 -2.28/24

[27.Rad1 ♣ -1.36/24 keeps fighting.
Bxd5 28.g3]

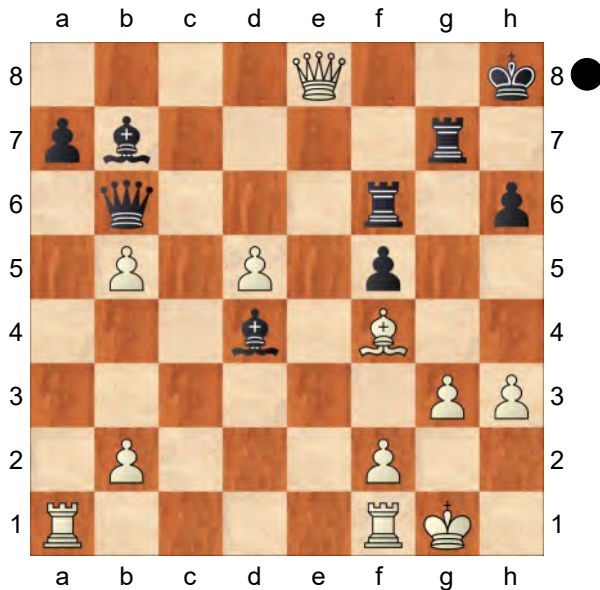
27...Rg7

[But not 27...Bxd5? 28.Rad1 Re6
29.Qb4]

[Not 27...Bxb2 28.Ra2 Bd4
29.Rd1=]

28.Qe8+ -2.86/27

[♢28.Qb4 -1.82/24]



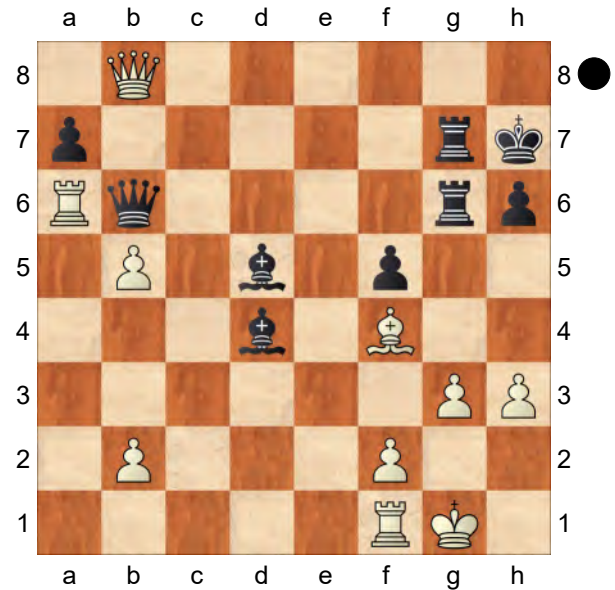
28...Kh7!-+ White must now prevent ...Qb6-c5. 29.Ra4 Rfg6 Threatens to win with ...Rg6xg3+. Chess con chili.

[Don't blunder 29...Bxd5? 30.Ra6
Qc5 31.Rxf6 Bxf6 32.Qh5-+]

30.Qb8? -8.52/25

[30.Qf8 -3.25/24 Bf6 31.Qa3]

**30...Bxd5 This bishop pair is nice.
31.Ra6**



**Rxg3+! 32.Bxg3 Qxb8 Weighted Error
Value: White=1.14/Black=0.37
0-1**

(Diagram)

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ De Vere, Cecil Valentine

City of London CC Handicap Tourn.

[Mon Hokmome]

C65

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 1.e4 e5

2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d4 Nxd4

[4...exd4 5.e5 Ne4 6.0-0 a6 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.Re1 Nc5 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Qxd4 Bf5 12.Qc3 Ne6 13.Nbd2 0-0-0 14.b4 Rd5 15.Nf1 Bg4 16.N3d2 Rhd8 17.Nc4 Qg5 18.a4 Kb8 19.Nfe3]

5.Nxd4 exd4 0.35/22

[5...c6!= -0.24/21]

6.e5!± Ne4N

[6...c6

A) 7.Qxd4!? Nd5 (7...cxb5 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Qxf6 gxf6 10.Nc3 Bb4 11.Bd2 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 d5 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Rhe1 Rg8 15.Rxd5 Rxd5 16.f4 b4 17.Bxb4 Rc8 18.Rd2 Rxd2 19.Bxd2 Kd7 20.a3 Rg8 21.Bc3 Rg2 22.Rd1+ Govashelish vili, G (2730)-Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2745) Geneve 2009 CBM 44 [FM Egor Lashkin] ½-½) 8.0-0!=;

B) 7.0-0 cxb5 8.Bg5! Be7 9.exf6 Bxf6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Re1+ Kf8 12.c3? -1.20/21 (12.Re4± 0.41/21; 12.Qe2 Qe6 13.Qd2 Qb6 14.c3 d5 15.cxd4 Be6 16.Nc3 h6 17.a3 g6 18.b4 Kg7 19.f4 Rac8 20.Re3 Rhd8 21.Ne2 Bf5 22.Rc1 Be4 23.Nc3 f5 24.g4 Kh7 25.h4 Rc4 26.Ne2 fxd4 Darnstaedt, F-2.c4 e5 Moscow 1859 Bilbao by Spyros Kapnisi [Dorner, Cranbourne] 0-1 (36)) 12...d5 0.08/22 (12...d6!± -1.20/21) 13.cxd4= Be6 14.Nc3 a6 15.Re5 Rd8 0.46/17 (15...g6=

-0.01/17 should be considered.) 16.Qb3 -0.01/23 (16.Qd2!± 0.46/17) 16...Qe7 17.Rae1 g5? 1.96/22 (17...Qd6± 0.36/21) 18.Qd1 1.08/21 (18.Ne2+- 1.96/22) 18...Qf6 1.52/22 (18...h6 1.08/21) 19.R1e3 1.10/22 (19.Qd2 1.52/22) 19...Rg8? 5.33/22 (19...Rg8? 4.84/23 19...Rd8-d6 0.79 20.Rxe6; 19...Rd6± 1.10/22)]

[6...c5? 2.03/21 6...c7-c6 0.12 7.0-0? 0.37/15 (White has to play 7.exf6+- 2.03/21 Qd1-e2+ is the strong threat. Qa5+ 8.Nc3 dxc3 9.0-0) 7...Nd5!± 8.Qf3]

[6...Nd5 7.0-0 Bc5 8.c3 a6 9.Bc4 Nb6 10.Bb3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.Ne4 Qe7 13.Qh5 d6 14.Bg5 Qxe5 15.Rae1 Nd5 16.Nxc5 Nf6 17.Qh4 Qxc5 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Re3 Bf5 20.Qxf6 Bg6 21.Rg3 Bird, H-Blackburne, J London (British CC) 1888 EXT 2017 [ChessBase] 0-1 (59)]

7.0-0 Qh4 0.83/22

[7...a6= 0.21/21 8.Qxd4 axb5 9.Qxe4 Be7]

8.g3!± White is better.

[8.Qxd4? -1.22/22 8.g2-g3 0.80 Bc5 9.g3 Qxg3+ 10.fxg3? -2.55/21 (10.hxg3± -0.78/23 Bxd4 11.Bd3) 10...Bxd4+-+ 11.Kg2 Bxe5] [8.Qxd4 Bc5 9.g3 Qxg3+ 10.hxg3 Bxd4±]

8...Qh3 9.Be2 0.27/22

[9.Qxd4 a6 1.57/21 (9...Nc5 0.97/22) 10.Bc4 0.87/21 (10.Be2 1.57/21 f5 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Re1) 10...Nc5]

[9.Qxd4± 0.93/22 Nc5 10.Rd1]

9...d5= Strongly threatening ...h7-h5.

10.exd6! Bxd6

[10...c5? 2.30/22 10...Bf8xd6 0.23]

11.Qxd4 Bf5 1.35/22

[11...Nf6! 12.Bb5+ Kd8 0.50/22
(12...Kf8= 0.09/21 13.Re1 Be6)
13.Bg5]
[11...Nf6= 0.30/24]

12.Nc3 0.24/20

[12.Bf3! Nc5 13.Re1+ Kf8 2.45/23
(13...Ne6± 1.35/23 was necessary.)
14.Bf4+- Bxf4

A) 15.gxf4? 0.01/23 15.Qd4xf4 2.92
Nd7? 1.84/22 (15...Ne6= 0.01/23
16.Qb4+ Kg8 17.Qxb7 Rd8) 16.Bxb7+- Rb8
17.Qxa7 1.29/23 (17.Bc6+- 1.82/21 Qh5
18.Bxd7 Qg4+ 19.Kf1 Qh3+ 20.Ke2
Bxd7 21.Kd2) 17...Qg4± 18.Kh1?
0.45/22 (18.Bg2+- 1.96/24)
18...Qxf4 1.33/23 (Better is 18...c5!
± 0.45/22);

B) 15.Qxf4 Bxc2? 5.35/23
(15...Ne6 2.83/21 16.Qb4+ Kg8
17.Qxb7 Rd8) 16.Qe3? 1.73/22
(16.Qxc7 5.35/23 Qc8 17.Qe7+
Kg8 18.Na3)]

[12.Bf3!± 1.35/22 Nf6 13.Re1+
(13.Bxb7 0-0±) 13...Be6 14.Bg5
(14.Bxb7 0-0±)]

12...0-0-0 1.73/27 13.Qxa7+-

[13.Nxe4 0.84/23 13.Qd4xa7 1.79
Bxg3 14.fxg3 Rxd4]
[13.Nxe4?! Bxg3 14.fxg3
(14.Qxd8+?! Rxd8 15.Nxg3 h5=)
14...Rxd4±]

13...Nxc3 2.16/25

[13...c6± 1.54/24 was called for.]

14.bxc3 c6? 8.93/24

[14...b6? 8.69/25 14...Rh8-e8 2.04
15.Re1 Be6]
[14...Rhe8 1.90/25 15.Bf3 (15.Qa8+
Kd7±) 15...Be4 16.Bxe4 Rxe4]

15.Be3!? 2.35/21

[15.Rb1 b5

A) 16.Qxf7? 0.47/25 16.Be2-f3 8.

45 Bxc2? 2.73/24 (16...Be4±
0.47/25 17.Bf3 Rhf8) 17.Rb2?
0.01/20 (17.Qf3!+- 2.73/24 Qd7
18.Rb2) 17...Be4;

B) 16.Bf3]

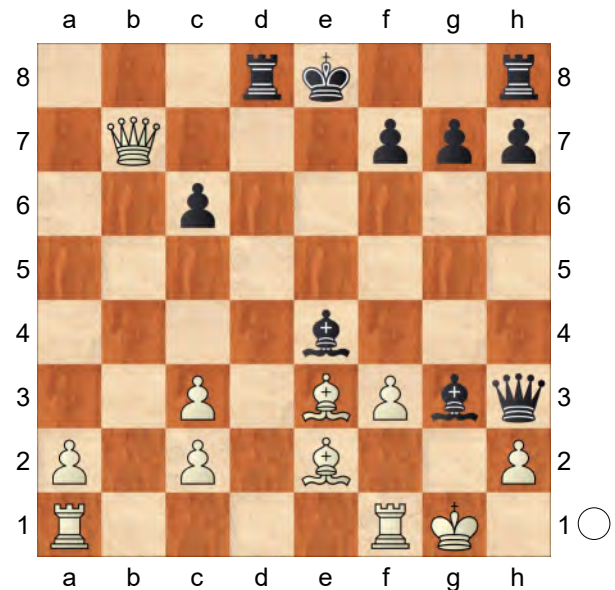
[Δ15.Rb1 8.93/24 b5 16.Bf3]

15...Be4? 16.Qa8+!

[16.f3 Bxg3 17.hxg3 Qxg3+ 18.Kh1
Qh3+ 19.Kg1 Qg3+ 20.Kh1 Qh3+
21.Kg1 Qg3+=]

16...Kd7

[16...Kc7 17.Bb6+!]

17.Qxb7+?! Ke8 18.f3 Bxg3**19.Rf2 Bxf2+ 20.Bxf2± Bd5**

[20...Bxf3? 7.21/26 20...h7-h5 2.51
21.Bxf3 Intending Bf2-c5! and mate.
Kf8 22.Re1]
[20...Bxf3? 21.Bxf3 Kf8 22.Rd1!+-]

21.c4? 0.96/23

[21.Bc5 Qd7 22.Qb6 f6=]

[21.Re1!+- 2.92/24 is the precise
move to win. Be6 22.Qxc6+ (22.Bc5
Qh4±) 22...Kf8 23.Qb6]

21...Be6±

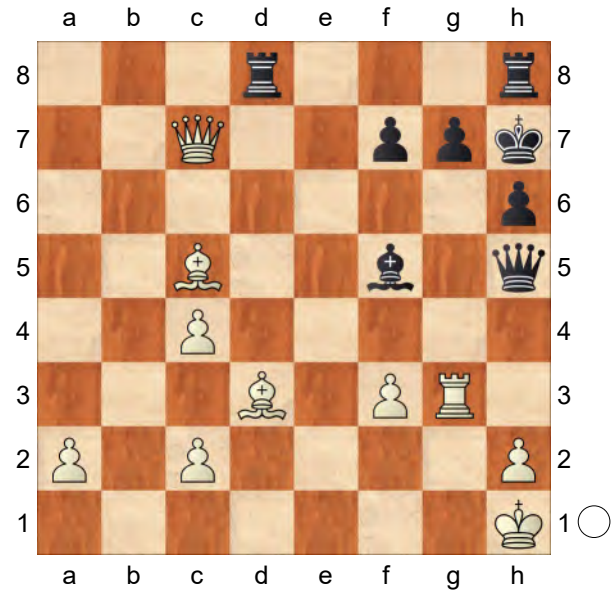
[21...Bxf3?? 6.79/23 21...Bd5-e6 1.09
22.Bxf3 Bf2-c5! would kill now. Kf8
23.Qxc6]

[21...Bxf3? 22.Bxf3 Kf8 23.Re1+-]

22.Qxc6+ Ke7 1.83/20
 [22...Bd7± 0.85/23 23.Qb7 Bc8]
23.Bc5+ 1.09/25
 [23.a4+- 1.83/20]
23...Kf6 24.Qc7 -0.01/22
 [24.Bd3± 1.09/20]
24...Kg6= 0.79/22
 [24...Rd7!= -0.01/22 keeps the
 balance. 25.Qf4+ Qf5 26.Bd4+ Ke7]
25.Kh1 0.01/22
 [25.Kf2 -0.53/22 25.Qc7-f4 0.81 h5
 0.81/22 (25...h6± -0.53/22
 keeps the upper hand.)]
 [25.Qf4!± 0.79/22]
25...h6 26.Rg1+ -0.01/21
 [26.Qf4± 0.35/23]
26...Kh7 27.Rg3 -1.27/25
 [27.Bd4 Rxd4 28.Qe5 Bg4 29.Rxg4
 Rxg4 30.Qf5+ Kg8 31.Qxg4?
 -1.92/21 (31.Qc8+!= 0.01/21 Kh7
 32.Qf5+ Kg8 33.Qc8+ Kh7
 34.Qf5+) 31...Qxg4+- 32.fxg4 Kf8!]
 [27.Qf4= 0.01/25]
27...Qh5?? 0.70/24
 [27...Qf5!± -1.27/25 aiming for ...Rd8-
 d2. 28.Bb6 (28.Bd3? Rxd3 29.cxd3
 Rc8+-) 28...g6]
28.Bd3+??± This bishop pair is nice.
28...Bf5=

(Diagram)

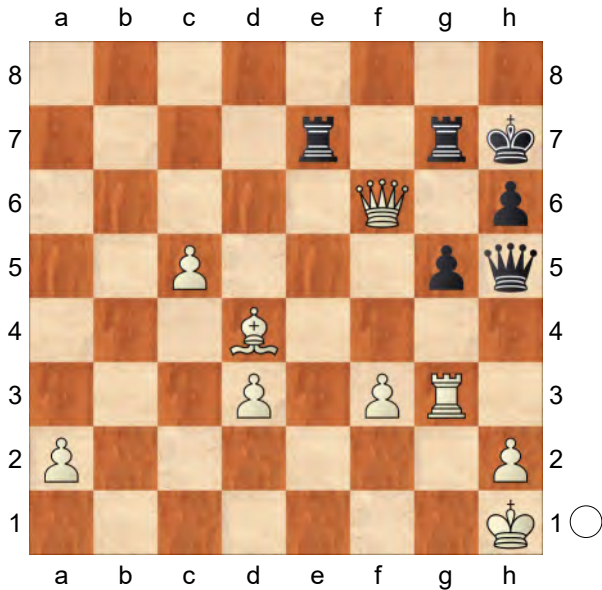
29.Qe5 -0.01/17
 [29.Bd4!± 0.53/22 Rxd4 30.Qe5]
29...g6± Black has counterplay 30.Qf6
Rhg8 31.Qxf7+ Rg7 32.Qf6 Rdd7
33.Bd4
 [33.Bxf5 -0.59/28 33.Bc5-d4 0.09
 gxf5? 1.74/27 (33...Rd1+!± -0.59/28
 stays ahead. 34.Bg1 Qxf5 35.Qxf5
 gxf5 36.Rxg7+ Kxg7) 34.Bd4!+-
 Rg8]
33...Rde7? 12.39/26



[33...Rdf7 0.63/24 33...Rg7-g8 0.28
 34.Qe5! Black must now prevent
 Bd3xf5. Re7 0.88/23 (34...Rg8±
 0.40/26)]
 [33...Bxd3= 0.01/25 34.cxd3 Rdf7]
34.c5? 0.51/28
 [34.Bxf5! White wants to mate with
 Rg3xg6! Re1+ 35.Kg2]
 [34.Bxf5!+- 12.39/26 Threatening
 mate with Rg3xg6! Ref7 35.Bxg6+!
 Qxg6 36.Rxg6 Rxf6 37.Rxg7+ Kxg7
 38.a4 h5 39.a5]
34...Bxd3±
 [34...Ref7 0.98/25 34...Bf5xd3 0.67
 35.Qb6? -3.46/25 (35.Qc6!± 0.98/25)
 35...Bxd3+- 36.cxd3∞ Rxf3]
35.cxd3 g5 1.72/24
 [35...Qd5 36.Rh3 -0.01/25
 (White should play 36.Qd6± 0.65/23
 Re1+ 37.Kg2 Qxd6 38.cxd6)
 36...Rb7 0.95/24 (36...Rd7= -0.01/25
 37.Be5 h5) 37.c6]
 [35...Qd5± 0.52/25]

(Diagram)

36.c6? -0.01/25



[36.Be5!]

[But not 36.Qf8?! Ref7 37.Qe8 Rg8±]

[Only move: 36.Be5!+- 1.72/24]

36...Re1+=

[36...Qe8]

37.Bg1? -0.35/26

[37.Rg1 Ree7! Threatens to win with ...Re7-f7. 38.Qf5+ Qg6→ 39.Qf8±]

[37.Kg2= 0.01/24 is superior. Re2+ 38.Kf1]

37...Rf7 0.82/25

[37...Rc1 -0.04/22 37...Qh5-e8 -0.36 38.Qf5+± -1.11/25 (38.Qe5= -0.04/22)

38...Qg6 39.Qe4!]

[37...Qe8 0.35/26]

38.Qd8 -0.01/25

[38.Qc3 Re8! 39.d4]

[38.Qc3± 0.82/25 Re8 39.d4]

38...Rxf3

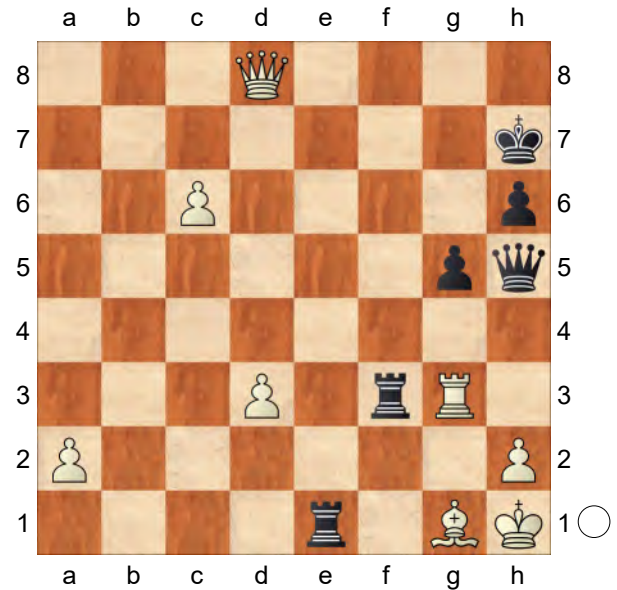
[38...Rc1]

(Diagram)

And now ...Rf3-f1 would win. **39.c7!**

Rxg3!+- The board is on fire.

[39...Rf2!? 40.Qd7+ (40.h3?



Qe2+-) 40...Kg6=]

40.Qd7+ Kg6 41.Qd6+?? Kf7

[41...Kh7 42.Qxg3± -2.08/26

(42.Qd7+!= 0.01/26 Kg6 43.Qd6+ Kh7 44.Qd7+) 42...Rc1]

42.Qxg3 -0.68/25

[42.Qd5+= 0.01/27 Kg6 43.Qd6+ Kf7 44.Qd7+ Kg6 45.Qd6+]

42...Re8 0.09/25

[42...Rc1=]

[42...Rc1 0.68/25]

43.Qf2+

[43.Qg2 Ke7? 2.20/20 (43...g4= 0.20/23 and Black is okay.) 44.Qc6+-

0.01/20 (44.Qb7+- 2.20/20 Kd6 45.h4)]

43...Kg6? 12.99/28

[43...Ke6 44.Qf1 -1.16/23 (44.c8R= 0.01/23 remains equal. Rxc8

45.Qb6+ Kf5 46.Qb5+ Kf4 47.Qb4+ Ke5 48.Qe7+ Kd5 49.Qd7+ Ke5

50.Qe7+ Kd5 51.Qe4+ Kd6 52.Qd4+ Ke6 53.Qe4+ Kd6

54.Qd4+ Ke6 55.Qe4+ Kd6) 44...Kd7 -0.01/26 (Black should try

44...Qg6 45.Bf2 Qf5) [43...Ke7= 0.01/26]

44.Qf5+- White is clearly winning.

44...Qd1 45.c8Q-+ Rxc8 46.Qxc8+
Kg7!± 47.Qf5 Weighted Error Value:
White=0.82/Black=0.50. Loss on time!?
0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Delmar, Eugene

06.Congress USA-06.Congress New York (21)
[Mon Hokmome]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0
Nxe4 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6
4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6
7.Qe2 Bf5 8.Nc3N -0.18/21

[8.Re1!± 0.55/22 Bb4 9.c3 Bd6
10.Qc2 Qd7 11.dxe5 Bc5 12.Rxe4
0-0-0 13.Nbd2 Qd5 14.Kf1 Rhe8
15.b3 g5 16.Bb2 g4 17.Nd4 Bxd4
18.cxd4 c5 19.Rae1 cxd4 20.Qc4
Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Rxe5 22.Rxg4 Rde8
23.Nf3 Shirov,A (2755)-Topalov,V

(2780) Morelia/Linares 2008 CBM 123
[Rogozenco,Dorian] 1-0 (40) Qxc4+
24.bxc4 Re2 25.Bxd4 Rxa2 26.Rg7
a5 27.Rxf7 Rc2 28.g4 a4 29.g5 a3
30.Rxh7 a2 31.Rh8 Rxh8 32.Bxh8
Rxc4 33.h3 c5 34.Ne1 Rc1 35.g6
Kd7 36.Bb2 Ke6 37.h4 c4 38.h5
Leko,P (2753)-Topalov,V (2780)
Morelia/Linares 2008 CBM 123
[Rogozenco,Dorian] 0-1 (40)]

[8.g4 Bg6 9.h4 f5 10.h5 Bf7
11.gxf5 Nd6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Qxe5
Kf8 14.Qf4 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Qf6
5.Bg2 Bb4 6.Nbd2 (2640)-Nedev,T
(2606) Zürich 2005 Telechess CBM
89 [Weekly Irish Times 14 Aug 1909
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8...Nxc3!= 9.Qxe5+ Be6 Hoping for . .
Nc3-d5.

[Don't take 9...Qe7 10.Qxf5 Ne2+
11.Kh1±]

[9...Be7 looks sharper. 10.bxc3 Qd5
11.Qxc7 Bd6]

10.bxc3 Black is slightly better. 10...Qd6
11.Qg5 -0.77/23

[11.Qe2!± -0.33/21]

C67

11...h6!± 12.Qe3 Be7 -0.50/22

[12...0-0-0± -0.86/21]

13.Ne5± 0-0 -0.16/22

[13...0-0-0± -0.60/22 feels stronger.]

14.Qg3= Kh7 15.Bf4 -0.69/20

[15.Qd3+= 0.01/21 Kh8 16.Bf4]

15...Qd5 0.43/21

[15...Qd8!± -0.69/20]

16.Qd3+± Kh8 17.c4 Qd8 18.Rad1
-0.46/22

[Better is 18.Rab1± 0.53/21]

18...Qc8 0.52/21

[18...c5!± -0.46/22]

19.Rfe1 Bf5 0.66/21

[19...Bd6 0.31/22]

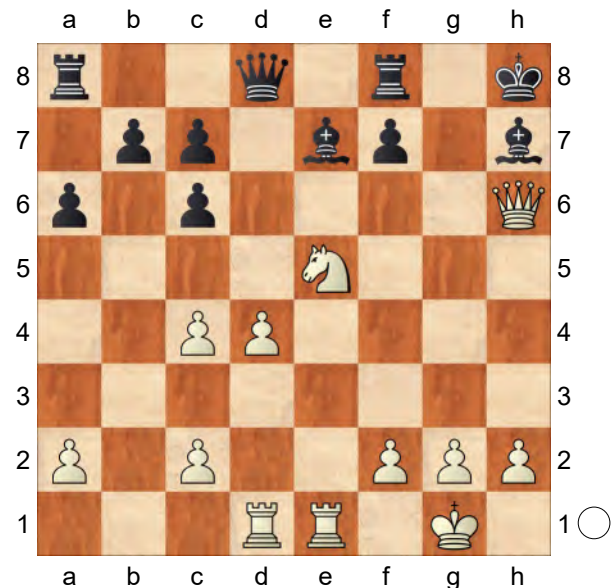
20.Qd2 0.28/22

[20.Qb3± 0.66/21]

20...Qd8 21.Bxh6 -0.64/22 gxh6?
2.20/26

[21...f6± -0.64/22 22.Nd3 (22.g4
Bh7±) 22...gxh6 23.Qxh6+ Bh7]

22.Qxh6+- Bh7



23.Rd3! Bg5 24.Qh5→ Threatens to
win with Rd3-h3. White has strong
attack. 24...Qf6 3.03/26

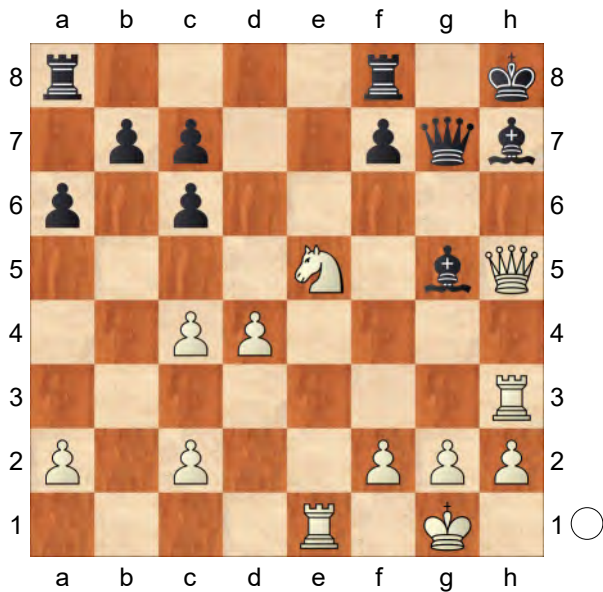
[24...Kg7 1.99/27 was necessary.]

25.Rh3? 0.65/26

[25.Rf3+- 3.03/26 Bf4 26.Nd3

(26.Rh3 Qg7±)]

25...Qg7±



26.Re4! aiming for f2-f4. White has strong compensation. **26...f6?** 10.98/24

[26...Kg8± 0.63/23 27.Rg4 f6]

27.Ng6+!+- Kg8 28.Ne7+ Kh8

29.Ng6+? -0.01/5

[29.Nf5+- 11.90/28 Qg8 30.Re7]

29...Kg8= 30.Ne7+ Kh8 31.Nf5 Qf7

32.Re7 White mates. **32...Kg8**

33.Qxh7+ X-Ray Attack **33...Qxh7**

34.Rh7 Weighted Error Value:

White=0.66/Black=0.73. Loss on time!?

0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Falkbeer, Ernst Karl

Match Bird-Falkbeer +7-7=3

C50

1856

[Mon Hokmome]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo Turf, Field & Farm 5 Oct 1877: 'Turf, Field and Farm 5 Oct 1877 (referred to in CPC check ref **). This was therefore about three months earlier than the game played in Hartford involving Mrs Gilbert.' Turf, Field & Farm 5 Oct 1877: 'Chess by telephone. We are indebted to a correspondent for the subjoined game, played in the vicinity of New York by means of the telephone. The contestants were about a mile distant from each other. Dr White and Mr Treadwell consult together against Mr J. A. Douglas.' **1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.0-0N**

[4.Nc3 c6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.a3 a6 7.Be2 Nf6 8.d4 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Bxd4 10.Ne2 Bb6 11.Ng3 0-0 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nf5 Bc7 15.b4 Rd8 16.Bh5 Nd7 17.Qf3 Nf8 18.Qg4 Ne6 Suhm, H-Goedecke, M Bad Laasphe 1994 EXT 1999 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (49)]

[4.d3 Be6 (4...Nf6 5.Nc3 Be6 6.Bb3 Nbd7 7.Ng5 Bxb3 8.axb3 h6 9.Nf3 a6 10.Na4 Ba7 11.b4 Qe7 12.Bd2 b5 13.Nc3 c6 14.0-0 0-0 15.Nh4 Nh7 16.Nf5 Qf6 17.Qg4 Kh8 18.h4 Rfd8 19.Ne2 White Treadwell-Douglas, J New York 1877 UltraCorrX [Turf, Field & Farm 5 Oct 1877]) 5.Nbd2 Bxc4 6.Nxc4 Nf6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.c3 b5 9.Na5 Nb8 10.a4 c6 11.axb5 cxb5 12.Qb3 a6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 Bb6 15.e5 dxe5 16.dxe5 Ne4 17.e6 f6 18.Be3

Nc5 Ardelean, G (2444)-Gilea, L (2251) Romania 2002 Cl1-130 [Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter; Stoica, Valentin] 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Nb7 Qc7 21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.Rac1 1-0 (22) Ardelean, G (2502)-Grozav, V (2181) Baile Herculane 2010 EXT 2021 [ChessBase II]] [4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.h3 Bd7 12.0-0 h6 13.Re1 Re8 14.e5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.exd6 cxd6 17.Qb3 Be6 18.Rac1 Rb8 Williams, E-Withers, J Bristol 1844 EXT 2017 [ChessBase] 1-0 (32)]

4...Bg4 5.c3 Nc6 6.b4 Bb6 7.b5 -0.01/16

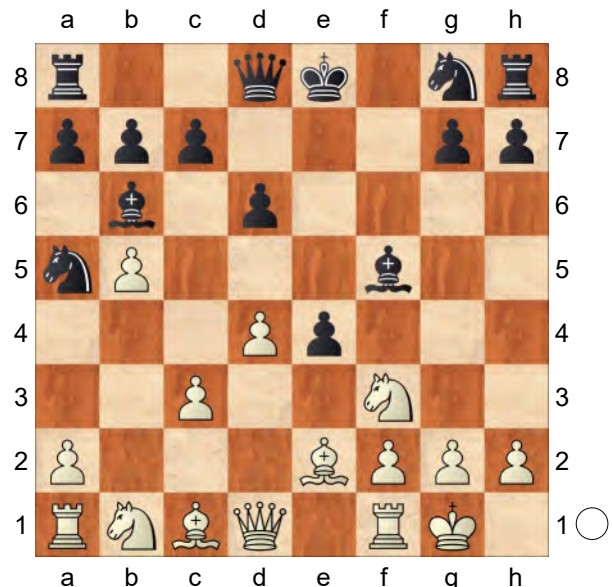
[7.a4± 0.42/20 deserves consideration. a6 8.d3]

7...Na5= 8.Be2

[8.Bxf7+? Kxf7 9.Nxe5+ dxe5-+]

8...f5 The position is equal. 9.exf5 Bxf5 10.d4 e4 0.89/20

[10...Nf6= 0.01/21]

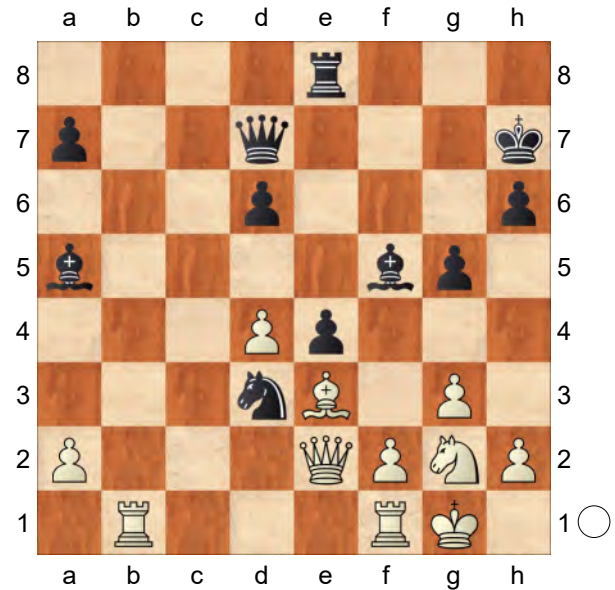


11.Bg5!± Nf6 12.Nh4 Bd7 13.c4 Black must now prevent Nb1-c3. 13...0-0 14.Be3 -0.37/20

[14.Nc3± 0.54/18]
14...Nd5 0.68/22 **15.cxd5± Qxh4**
16.Nc3 Rae8 **17.Rc1 c6** 1.27/24
 [17...Qf6!± 0.49/21]
18.dxc6 bxc6 **19.Qd2** 0.61/21
 [19.bxc6± 0.95/23 Bxc6 20.d5 Bxe3
 21.fxe3]
19...h6 **20.bxc6 Nxc6** **21.Nd5 Ba5**
 1.29/23
 [21...Ne7!± 0.63/20 22.Nxb6 axb6]
22.Qc2 0.58/22
 [22.Qb2!± 1.29/23]
22...Rf5 1.84/23
 [22...Kh8± 0.58/22]
23.g3 0.63/22 **Qd8** Against Nd5-e7+
24.Nf4
 [24.Qb3!? Be6 25.Bc4±]
24...Kh7 1.29/22
 [Better is 24...Bb6± 0.58/23]
25.Bg4 0.74/25
 [White should play 25.d5 1.29/22
 Ne7 26.Rfd1 (26.Qxe4 Nxd5
 27.Qb1 Nxf4=)]
25...Nb4 2.10/23
 [25...Rxf4± 0.74/25 26.Bxf4 Nxd4]
26.Bxf5+- Bxf5 **27.Qe2** 0.59/22
 [White should try 27.Qb3+- 1.87/24]
27...g5? 2.21/22
 [27...Nd3± 0.59/22]
28.Ng2 And now f2-f4 would win.
28...Nd3 **29.Rb1** aiming for Rb1-b7+.
29...Qd7

(Diagram)

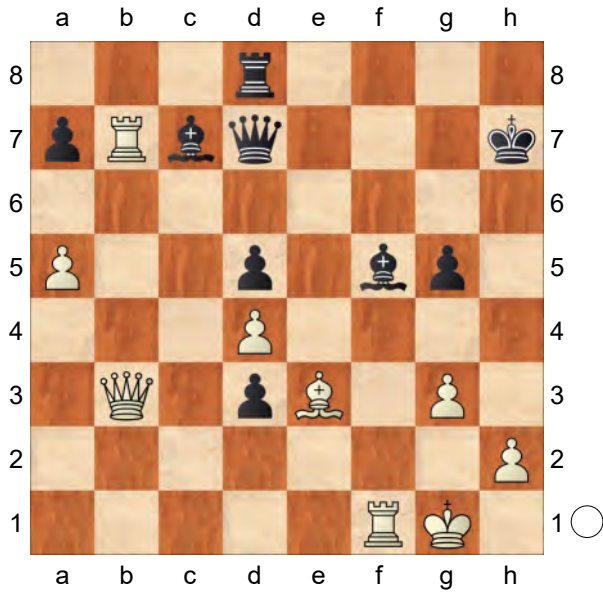
Prevents Rb1-b7. **30.f4** 1.48/23
 [30.Bxg5!+- 2.65/22 Threatens to win
 with Qe2-h5. Bg4 31.f3! hxg5
 32.fxg4]
30...Bg4 2.15/23 Prevents Qe2-h5.
 [30...exf3± 1.48/23 is a better
 defense. 31.Qxf3 Be4 32.Qf7+ Qxf7
 33.Rxf7+ Kg6 34.Rxa7 Bc3]



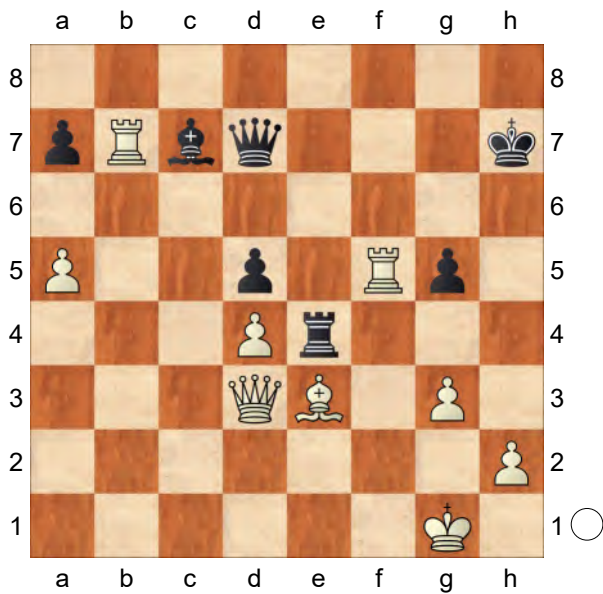
31.Qc2 Bb6 2.46/23
 [31...d5 1.98/21 keeps fighting.
 32.fxg5 hxg5 33.Bxg5 Bb6]
32.fxg5 hxg5 **33.Ne1** 1.34/22
 [33.Bxg5?! Rc8 34.Qb3 Be6±]
 [33.Qb3+- 2.32/24 Strongly
 threatening Rf1-f7+. d5 34.Qb5]
33...Bf5 1.87/23
 [33...Kg6± 1.34/22 34.Qd2 (34.Nxd3
 exd3 35.Qxd3+ Bf5±) 34...Nxe1
 35.Qxe1 (35.Rbxe1 Bf3±) 35...Bf3]
34.a4 Rb1-b5 is the strong threat.
34...Kg6 2.71/24
 [34...d5 1.68/22 35.Qd2 Nxe1
 36.Rbxe1 (36.Qxe1 Bh3±) 36...Bh3]
35.Rb5 d5? 4.34/25
 [35...Nxe1 2.43/22 might work better.
 36.Rxe1 Bd8]
36.Qb3 Rd8 **37.a5 Bc7** **38.Rb7 Kh7?**
 10.22/25
 [38...Nxe1 3.76/22 39.Rxe1 Qd6
 40.Rxa7 Rb8]
39.Nxd3 exd3

(Diagram)

40.Rxf5! Re8
 [40...Qxf5 41.Rxc7+]



41.Qxd3 White wants to mate with Rf5-f7+. **41...Re4**



42.Rxd5!! 18.57/26 Weighted Error
Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.89
1-0

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Gunsberg, Isidor

British CA Congress-03 Masters (8)

[Mon Hokmome]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Nc3

[6.c4 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.Be3 Bd7 9.Nc3 Re8 10.0-0 Bf8 11.Re1 h6 12.Qd2 Nb8 Berndt, K (2543)-10.0-0 cd4 11.Ne4 (2566) Kecskemet 2005 Telechess CBM 89 [Chekhover 1947]]

6...h6N

[6...g6 7.0-0 b5 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Nd5 Nd4 10.Nxd4 Bxd1 11.Nc6 Nxd5 12.Nxd8 Rxd8 13.exd5 Bg4 14.a4 Bg7 15.axb5 axb5 16.Ra7 Rc8 17.Bd2 Bf6 18.Bc3 g5 19.Rfa1 Bd8 20.f3 Bd7 21.Kf1 6.0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 - P-Noteboom 6.e3 b5 7.Nd2 #1 | I 6.Kf1 Nc6 1887 Mega2023 Update 22 [Glatman] 1-0 (56)]
[6...b5 7.Bb3 Na5 8.0-0 Be7 9.h3 (9.Bd2 0-0 10.Nd5 Nxb3 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.axb3 Nd7 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 f5 #2 14) d3 Spanish - White's 6t-5.d3 d6 6.Nc3) 9...0-0 10.Bd2 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bb7 12.Re1 c5 #3 14) d3 Spanish - White's 6t-5.d3 d6 6.Nc3]

7.0-0 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 White is slightly better. 9.Ne2 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Qd7 11.Kh2 d5 12.c3 Rd8 13.Ng3 b5 14.Bc2 d4 0.24/21

[14...Bd6 -0.21/21 is superior.]

15.a4 -0.22/20

[15.f4 0.24/21]

15...Bd6 0.19/23

[15...Nh7! -0.22/20 might be stronger.]

C77

16.Rg1= g6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Bd2 Nh7 19.Kg2 f5? 1.54/23

[19...Ng5= 0.01/20 20.Rh1 Ne6]

20.Rh1 0.48/22

[20.Bxh6 f4 21.h4 fxg3 22.fxg3 Nf8+]

[20.exf5± 1.54/23 gxf5 21.f4 (21.Bxh6 Nf8=)]

20...f4± 21.Ne2 Bc5 0.74/24

[21...dxc3± 0.38/22 is more appropriate. 22.bxc3 0-0]

22.Ra6 Bb6 23.b4 -0.01/22

[White should play 23.Bb3!± 0.70/23]

23...Ng5 0.30/25

[23...dxc3 -0.01/22 feels stronger. 24.Bxc3 Rf8]

24.h4= Nf7 25.Qg1? -1.22/21

[25.Bb3!± 0.48/22 stays ahead.]

25...Ke7 -0.07/22

[Black should try 25...Rg8+ -1.22/21 And now ...g6-g5 would win. 26.Kf1 dxc3 27.Bxc3 Qd6]

26.Qh2 -1.29/22

[26.Bb3!= -0.07/22 keeps the balance.]

26...g5+ 27.Qh3 -1.19/24 Prevents g5-g4.

[27.Rg1 -0.73/22]

27...Qd6 -0.01/22

[27...Qxh3+ -1.19/24 28.Rxh3 gxh4 29.Rxh4 Ng5]

28.Bb3= Rdf8 0.58/20

[28...dxc3= 0.01/22 29.Nxc3 (29.Bxc3 Rhg8+) 29...Nd4 30.Bxf7 Kxf7]

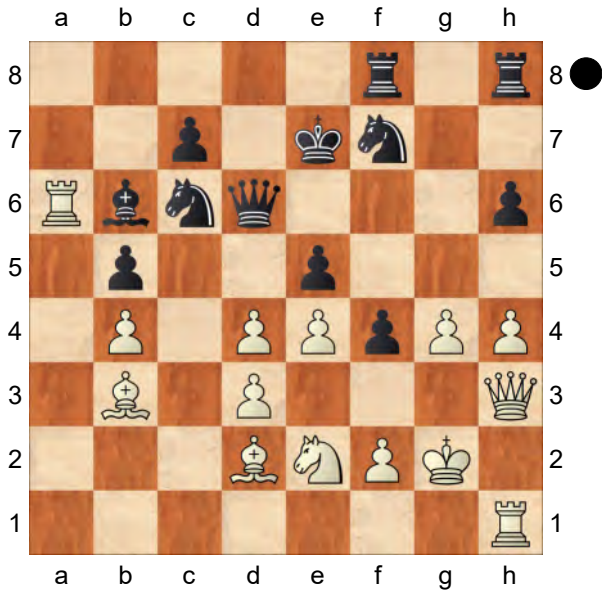
29.cxd4 -0.01/22

[29.Kf1± 0.58/20]

29...g4! 30.fxg4

[30.Qxg4? Rhg8 31.Bd5 Nxb4 32.Bxb4 Qxb4+]

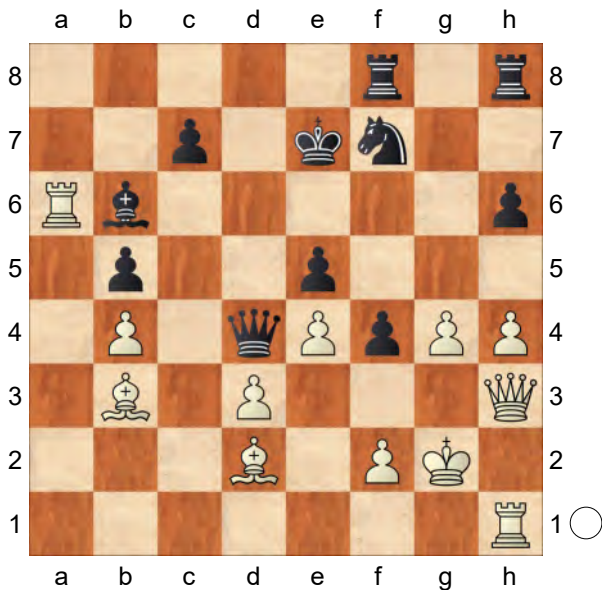
(Diagram)



Strongly threatening Ne2-c3. **30...Nxd4**
0.66/26

[30...Ng5! -0.33/24 31.hxg5
(31.dxe5? Nxe5 32.Rxb6 cxb6-+)
31...f3+ 32.Kg1 fxe2]

31.Nxd4± Qxd4



32.Rxb6! Qxb6 33.Rc1 Rhg8 34.Rc5
0.44/24

[34.Bd5± 0.95/22 Rc1-c6 is the
strong threat. Rg6 35.Rc5]

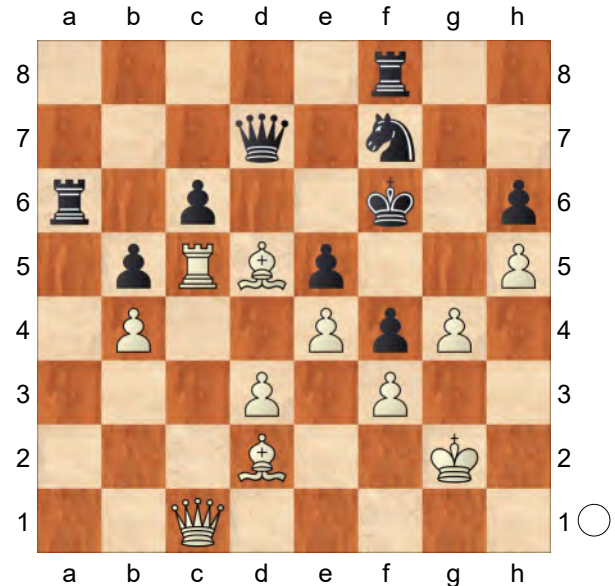
34...Qd6 35.Bd5 0.01/24 Against c7-c6
[35.Bc3± 0.38/24]

35...Qd7= 36.f3 White wants to play

Bd2-c3. 36...Rg6! 37.h5 Ra6
Hoping for ...c7-c6. **38.Qh1 Kf6?**
2.06/25

[38...Rg8= 0.01/25 and Black stays
safe.]

39.Qc1 c6



40.Bxc6 0.64/24

[40.d4!± 1.43/25 cxd5 41.dxe5+
Nxe5 42.Bc3 dxe4 43.Qxf4+ Ke7
44.Rxe5+ (44.Qxe5+? Re6-+)
44...Re6 45.Qxe4 (45.Qxh6 exf3+
46.Kf2 Rxe5±)]

40...Qa7? 5.40/25

[40...Qd4!± 0.64/24 41.Rc3 Kg7]

41.Bxb5? 0.66/24

[41.d4+- 5.40/25 Ra1 42.Qc3]

41...Ra1!± 42.Qc3 Black must now
prevent Bb5-c4. **42...Rc8?** 3.49/27

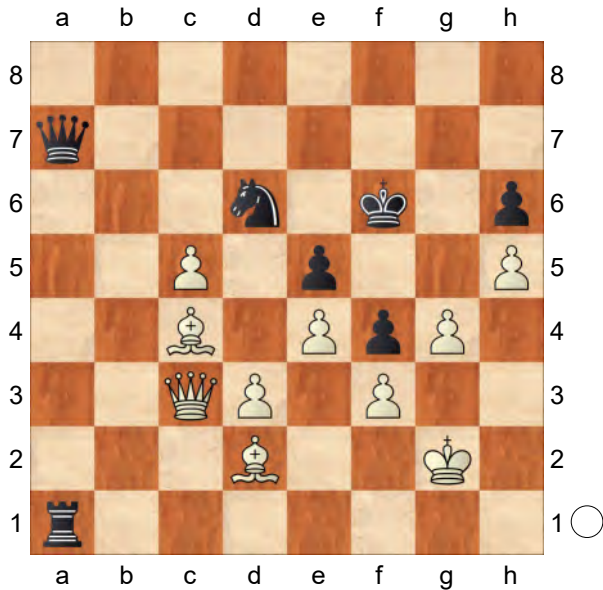
43.Bc4+- Rxc5 44.bxc5 Nd6 #2/6

[44...Rb1+- 2.66/26 45.Bd5 Qb8
46.Bxf4 Qb2+ 47.Bd2 Qxc3 48.Bxc3
Rc1]

(Diagram)

45.Bxf4? -0.01/24

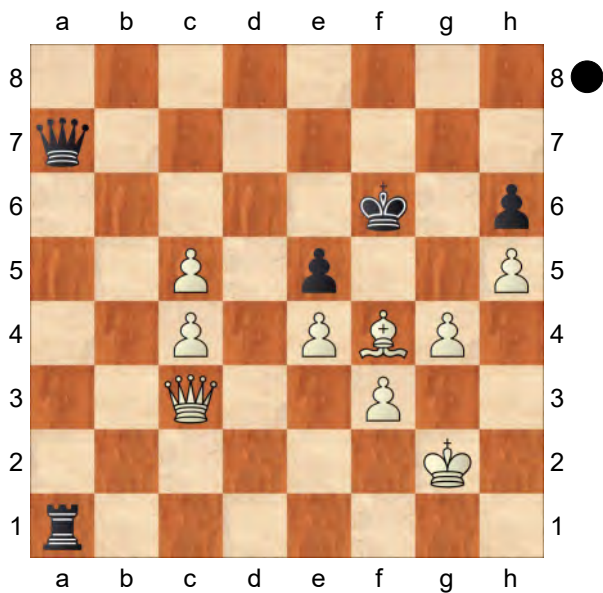
[45.Qxe5+!! #2/6 mates Kxe5



46.Bc3#]

45...Nxc4= Chess con chili. 46.dxc4??
-8.54/25

[46.Qxc4= -0.01/26 exf4 47.Qd4+
 Kf7 48.Qd5+ (48.Qd6? gets mated.
 Qa2+ 49.Kh3 Rh1#) 48...Kf8
 49.Qd6+ Kg8 50.Kh3 (50.Qxh6?
 leads to mate. Qa2+ 51.Kh3 Rh1#)]



46...Qa2+!-+ 47.Bd2 Rd1 Black mates.
48.Kf2 Rxd2+ 49.Ke3 Rh2 Weighted
Error Value: White=0.73/Black=0.65
0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward
 ■ MacDonnell Alexander

London

B20

1882

[Mon Hokmome]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.b4 cxb4 3.a3 bxa3

[3...d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Bb2 Nc6
 6.Nf3 e6 7.axb4 Nxb4 8.Nc3 Qd8
 9.Ne5 Nf6 10.Ba3 a6 11.Qb1 Nbd5
 12.Bxf8 Kxf8 13.Qb3 Qc7 14.Nd3
 Nxc3 15.dxc3 e5 16.Be2 Be6
 17.Qb4+ Kg8 18.Ra5 Haluschka,R
 (2370)-Smith,F (2541) DESC 2006
 200 Traps In The Opening [Flores
 Rios,Mauricio] 0-1]

4.d4

[4.Nxa3 d6 5.d4 Nf6 6.Bb5+ Bd7
 7.Qe2 a6 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.c3 g6 10.f3
 Bg7 11.g4 Qc7 12.Bd2 Rc8 13.h4
 Na5 14.Rb1 b5 15.h5 Nc4 16.Nxc4
 bxc4 17.Bc2 e6 18.Nh3 d5
 Estevez,G (2329)-Eriksson,J (2115)
 Moscow 2015 200 Traps In The
 Opening [Evening Mail 8 Mar 1888;
 GWH 24/3/1888] 1-0]

4...e6 5.e5N

[5.c4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2
 d5 8.e5 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nc6 10.Ne2
 Nge7 11.Rxa3 0-0 12.0-0 Nf5
 13.Rd3 a6 14.f4 b5 15.Bb3 a5
 16.g4 Nh6 17.h3 a4 18.Bc2 b4
 19.f5 exf5 Menken,J-2.Ne2 New York
 1620 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh] 1-0 (32)]

5...d5 0.00/19

[Black should play 5...d6 0.65/19
 6.Nf3 Nc6]

6.f4 -0.63/19

[6.c3= 0.00/19]

6...f5 0.04/19

[6...Nc6 0.63/19]

7.Nxa3 Bb4+ 8.Kf2 Nh6 0.12/20

[8...a6 -0.33/20 feels stronger.]

9.Qh5+ -0.42/21

[White should try 9.Nf3= 0.12/20]

9...Kf8 Strongly threatening ...Nh6-g4+.

[9...Nf7!? 10.Bb2 Bd7 0.00/21]

10.Nb5 Ng4+ 0.01/23

[10...Bd7 -0.37/20 11.Nf3 Nc6]

11.Kf3 -0.32/22

[11.Kg3= 0.01/23]

11...g6 0.01/21

[11...Bd7 -0.32/22 12.h3 Nh6]

12.Qg5= Be7 0.60/21

[12...Qb6!= 0.01/22 13.h3 h5]

13.Ba3± Active counter play! 13...Nc6

14.h3 h5 15.hxg4?? -2.02/23

[15.Bd3± 0.82/22]

15...hxg4+-+

Discovered Attack

16.Kg3? -4.11/23

[16.Kf2 0.00/22 Rxh1 17.Qf6+ Ke8
 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Qxg6+ Kf8
 20.Ne2]

16...Rxh1 17.Qf6+ Kg8 18.Qxg6+ Kh8

19.Kf2 Bh4+? 0.01/22

[19...Bd7+- -3.16/22 20.Bxe7 Qxe7]

20.Ke3!= Black must now prevent Nb5-d6!
 20...Nxe5 21.dxe5 Nb5-d6! is the
 strong threat. Really sharp! 21...Qb6+

[21...Rxc1? 22.Nd6 Qb6+ 23.Kd3
 Qa6+ 24.Kd2 Qa5+ 25.Ke2+-]

22.Kd2 Bf2? 4.33/28

[22...Qxc1? 23.Bf8 Be1+
 24.Rxe1+-]

[22...Bd7= 0.01/21]

23.Bd3 Bd7? 5.30/23

[23...Bxc1 24.Be7 Qe3+ 25.Kc3]

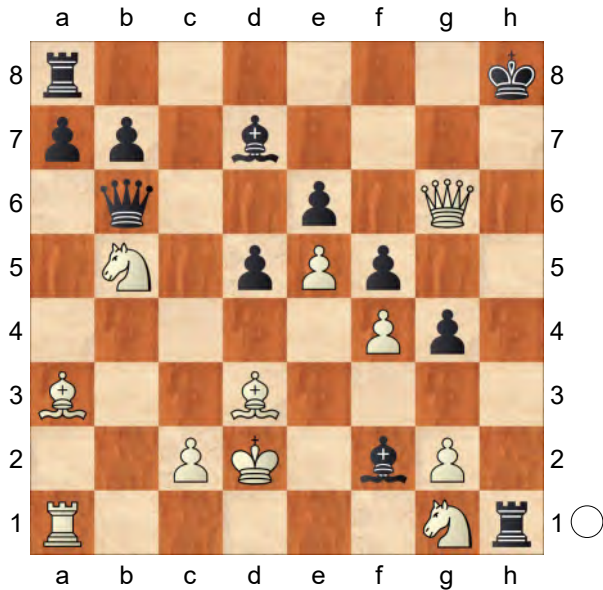
[23...Be3+ 2.90/25 24.Kc3 Bxf4
 25.Qf6+ Kg8]

(Diagram)

24.Nf3?→

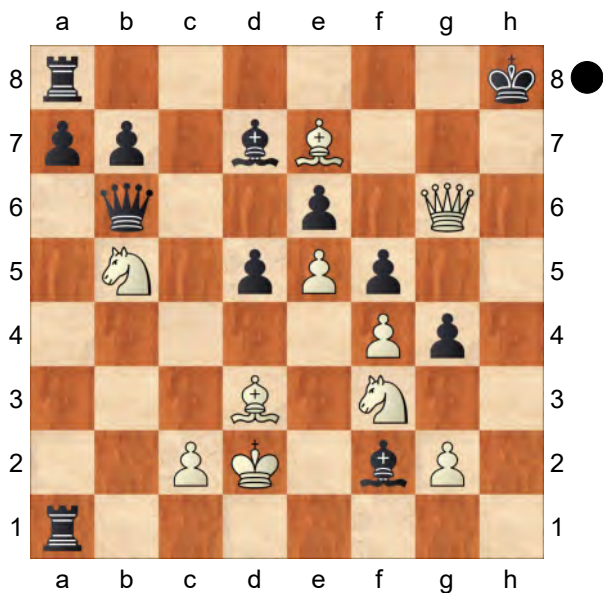
0.01/25

White attacks.



Weighted Error Value: White=1.21/
Black=1.31
 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

24...Rxa1 25.Be7? -#10/22



Be1+! 26.Nxe1 Qf2+ 27.Kc3 Qxe1+
28.Kd4 Ra4+ -12.68/25

[28...Qg1+ -#6/14 29.Kc3 Rc8+
30.Bc5 Rxc5+ 31.Bc4 Rxc4+ 32.Kd3
Rd1+ 33.Ke2 Rxc2#]

29.c4 Rxc4+? -0.37/5 30.Bxc4? Qe4+
31.Kc3 dxc4?? #1/6

[31...Qxc4+= -0.01/27 32.Kd2 Qxf4+
33.Kd1 Qa4+ 34.Kd2 Qf4+ 35.Kd1
Rf8 36.Qh5+ Kg8 37.Qg6+ Kh8
38.Qh5+ Kg8 39.Qg6+ Kh8]

32.Kd2? -0.01/28 Qxf4+ 33.Kd1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ MacKenzie, George Henry

British CA Congress-04 Masters (10)

[Mon Hokmome]

A03

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 1.f4 d5
2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.d4 Nf6 5.c3

[5.Bd3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 (6...Nbd7
7.Bd2 c5 8.c3 Qb6 9.Qc1 Ne4
10.Be1 Nd6 11.Nbd2 Re8 12.a4 c4
13.Bc2 Nf6 14.a5 Qc7 15.Bg3 Bf5
16.Nh4 e6 17.Nxf5 exf5 18.Re1
Re6 19.Nf3 Nde4 20.Ng5 Re7
21.Bh4 Bird, H-Blackburne, J New York
1889 Blackburne [Blackburne, J. H.]
0-1 (102)) 7.c3 cxd4 8.exd4 Ne4
9.Nbd2 f5 10.Ne5 Bxe5 11.fxe5 e6
12.Nf3 b6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Qc1 Ba6
15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.Ng5 Rc8 17.Rf3
Nb4 18.Qf4 Nc6 19.Rh3 Qd7
Hortelano Hap, R (1491)-Piccone
Uribe, L (1413) Collado Villalba 2023
½-½]

5...b6N

[5...c5 6.Bd3 Qb6 7.0-0 Nc6
8.Nbd2 Nh5 9.Kh1 cxd4 10.Nxd4
Nf6 11.Qe1 Bd7 12.a4 0-0 13.N2f3
Ne4 14.Qh4 Bf6 15.Qe1 Nxd4
16.exd4 Bf5 17.Bb1 Qa6 18.Ne5 h5
19.Bd3 Qa5 20.Qe2 Popescu, M
(2107) -Gilea, L (2245) Olanesti ROU
2012 [Ris, Robert] 0-1 (36)]
[5...0-0 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 c5
8.b4 b6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Bb2 Bb7
11.a4 Rac8 12.a5 Ne4 13.axb6
axb6 14.Qb1 cxb4 15.cxb4 Nxd2
16.Nxd2 Qd6 17.Ra7 Rc7 18.Rc1
Ra8 19.Rxa8+ Bxa8 20.Rxc7
Chapters-Games Game 1 (37)]

6.a4 a6 7.Na3 -0.37/18

[7.Bd3= -0.01/18 deserves
consideration.]

7...Bf5 8.b4 -0.62/19

[8.Be2= -0.29/20 should be
considered.]

8...Ne4 9.Bb2 e6 10.Be2 Nd7 11.0-0
h5 12.Nc2 -0.73/19

[12.c4= -0.24/19]

12...g5 0.17/19 & Nero is much more
active.

[12...c5 0.73/19]

13.b5 -0.68/21

[Better is 13.fxc5= 0.17/19 Nxc5
14.c4]

13...a5 -0.01/19

[13...g4! 0.68/21 14.Nd2 Nxd2
15.Qxd2 a5]

14.Ne5 -0.43/22

[14.fxc5= -0.01/19
is more appropriate. Nxc5 15.c4]

14...g4 ...Bg7xe5 is the strong threat.

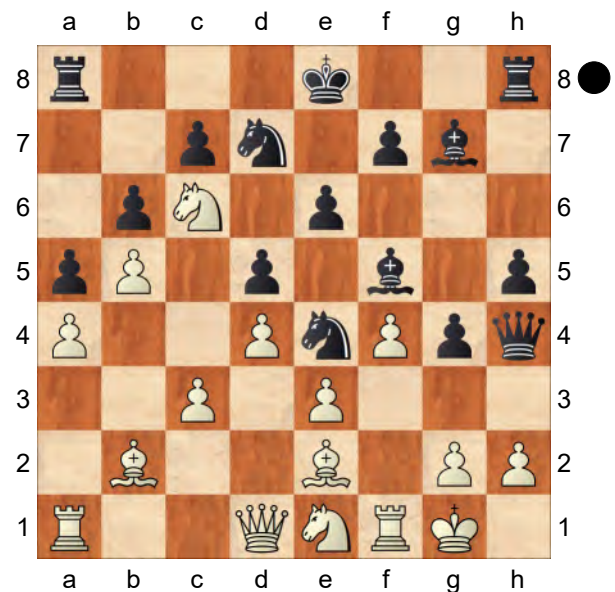
15.Nc6 -1.19/20

[15.Qe1! 0.33/20]

15...Qh4 And now ... g4-g3 would win.

16.Ne1 -1.30/21

[16.Bd3 -0.88/23]



16...Nf8 0.14/18

[16...g3! -1.30/21 17.h3 Nf2]

17.g3? -4.72/23 Loses the game.

[17.c4= 0.14/18 and White is okay.]

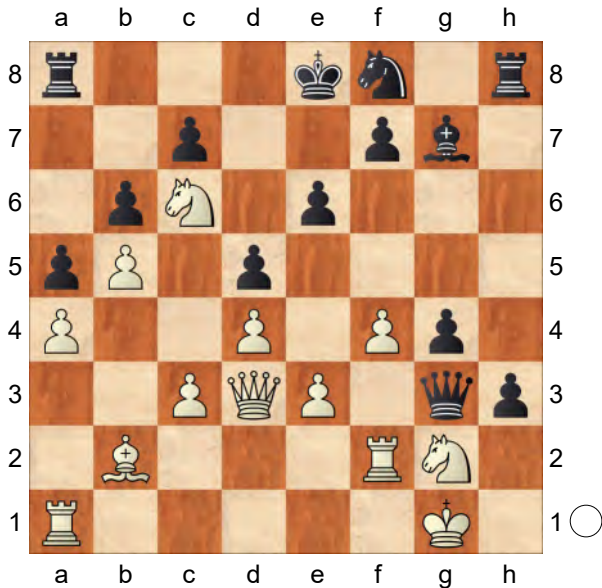
17...Nxg3 -2.26/19

[♖17...Qh3 -4.72/23 Hoping for ...h5-h4. 18.Nd3 h4]

18.hxg3 -5.26/23

[18.Rf2 -2.26/19 is a better defense.]

18...Qxg3+-+ 19.Ng2 Be4 20.Rf2 h4 21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 h3



Pin 23.Raf1 Ng6 White must now prevent ...Ng6xf4!

[Don't go for 23...hxg2? 24.Rxg2 Qh3 25.Kf2+-+]

24.f5 -11.24/23

[♜24.Qe2 -4.66/22]

24...Nh4 (→ ...Nh4-f3+). Pin 25.Rd2 hxg2 Weighted Error Value: White=1.35/Black=0.76

0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Malta, J F.

NED SB-08 Gouda

08.1880

[Mon Hokmome]

A03

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 1.f4 e6
2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 c5 4.b3 Nf6 5.Bb2
Be7 6.Be2

[6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bb5 0-0 8.Bxc6 bxc6
9.0-0 Qc7 10.Qe1 Ba6 11.d3 Rab8
12.Qg3 Ne8 13.Ne5 f6 14.Ng4 c4
15.dxc4 Bxc4 16.Rf3 Ba6 17.Qh3 f5
18.Ne5 Nf6 19.Rg3 Bd6 20.Qh6
Rb7 Bird, H-Minckwitz, J Hamburgo
1885 Bird-Defence [Standard] 1-0
(44)]

6...0-0 7.0-0 Ng4N

[7...Nc6 8.Ne5 Qb6 9.Nxc6 Qxc6
10.d3 b5 11.c4 a6 12.Nd2 Bb7
13.Bf3 Qb6 14.e4 dxc4 15.dxc4
Rfd8 16.Qe2 Rd7 17.e5 Rad8
18.Bc1 Ne8 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Nf3
g6 21.Re1 Ng7 22.Be3 Kurz (2119)-
Guth, W (2060) corr 2001 CYB 01
[Dragan Solak] 1-0 (78) Nf5 23.Bf2
Rd3 24.Rac1 b4 25.Kf1 h5 26.Red1
Qd7 27.Rxd3 Qxd3 28.Qxd3 Rxd3
29.Ke2 Rd7 30.Rd1 Ra7 31.Nd2 a5
32.Ne4 a4 33.Bxc5 Bxc5 34.Nxc5
axb3 35.axb3 Kg7 36.g3 Ra2+
37.Rd2 Krafzik, J (2119)-Thielemann, J
(2060) Rheda-Wiedenbr ? ck 2001
EXT 2002 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (78)]

[7...a6 8.a4 Nc6 9.Na3 Qc7
10.Qe1 Nd7 11.Bd3 Bf6 12.Bxf6
Nxf6 13.Qh4 Ne7 14.Ne5 Ng6
15.Qg3 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Nd7 17.Rf4
Qxe5 18.Raf1 f5 19.c3 Nf6 20.Qf2
Qd6 21.Nc2 e5 22.Rh4
Mason, J-Tarrasch, S Hambourg 1885
10000 Comentadas [Gonzalez, Julio
A] 0-1 (44)]

8.h3 Bf6 9.c3 The position is equal.

9...Nh6 10.Na3 -0.17/18

[10.g4 0.20/19 Be7 11.c4]

10...Nf5 11.g4 Ng3 12.Rf2 Ne4
0.00/18

[12...Nc6 -0.45/19]

13.Rg2= h6 0.51/22

[13...Nc6= 0.00/18]

14.Qe1 Nc6 15.d3 Nd6 16.Qg3
-0.23/18

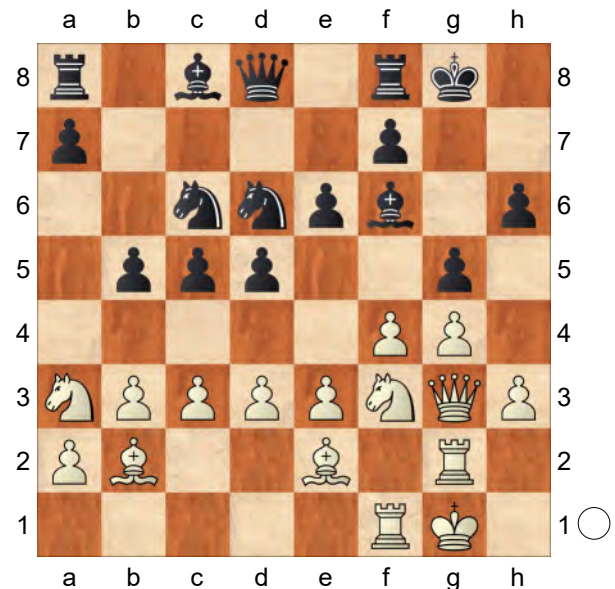
[16.e4± 0.43/20]

16...g5 0.65/17

[16...b5= -0.23/18]

17.Rf1± b5 1.09/19

[17...a5 0.72/19]



18.h4!± Black must now prevent h4xg5.
18...Kg7? 5.04/19 Black cannot hold the
game after this.

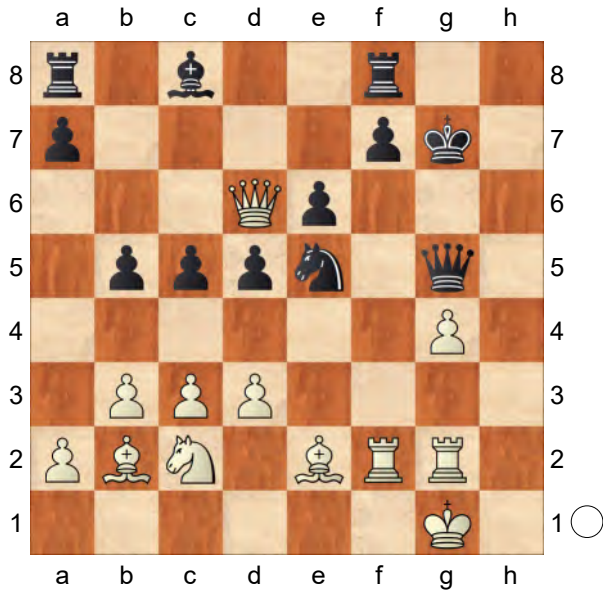
[Better is 18...gxf4± 0.68/20 19.Qxf4
Bg7]

19.hxg5 hxg5 20.fxg5 Bxg5 21.Nxg5
Qxg5 22.Qxd6 Qxe3+ 23.Rff2 Ne5
7.96/22

[23...Bb7 5.05/18 24.c4+ d4
25.Qxc5 Kg8]

24.Nc2 Qg5

(Diagram)



25.Rf5!! Qd2

[25...exf5 26.Qxe5+]

26.Bf1 8.30/20 Qh6 27.Rxe5 Rh8

28.Rh5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.

25 (precise) /Black=1.14

1-0

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C00

□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Maroczy, Geza

Hastings friendly g/5'

08.1895

[Mon Hokmome]

C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bd3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5 6.Bc2 Nc6 0.37/20

[6...d4= 0.04/20]

7.d4± Be7 8.h3N The position is equal.

[8.Na3 Qa5 9.Ba4 cxd4 10.Nb5 dxc3 11.bxc3 0-0 12.Bd2 Ncxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.0-0 Nc4 15.Be1 Bd7 16.Rb1 a6 17.Bb3 axb5 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.Rxb7 Ba4 20.Qb1 Bd6 21.Bd2 Rfb8 22.Rxb8+ Rxb8 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.cd (1613)-Maroczy/Sohege/Haltermann/Kai (1926) C21) 10... a6 2010 CBM 089 ext [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (33) 23.Qa1 Qb6 24.Qe1 Bc7 25.h4 Qd6 26.g3 Qb6 27.Be3 Qb2 28.Bc5 Qxa2 29.Bb4 Bc2 30.Qe3 Bb6 31.Bc5 Bxc5 32.Qxc5 Qb2 33.Qe3 Rb3 0-1 (33) Barbetta,C (1613)-Zamengo, F (1926) Noale 2010 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II]]

8...a6 0.44/21

[8...b5= 0.00/21]

9.Be3 b5 10.b3 -0.46/21

[10.0-0± 0.48/20]

10...Bb7 0.02/15

[10...a5!± -0.46/21]

11.Nbd2 -0.84/22

[11.0-0= 0.02/15 remains equal.]

11...cxd4 -0.19/23

[Better is 11...b4± -0.84/22 12.c4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Ndx5]

12.cxd4= 0-0 0.30/21

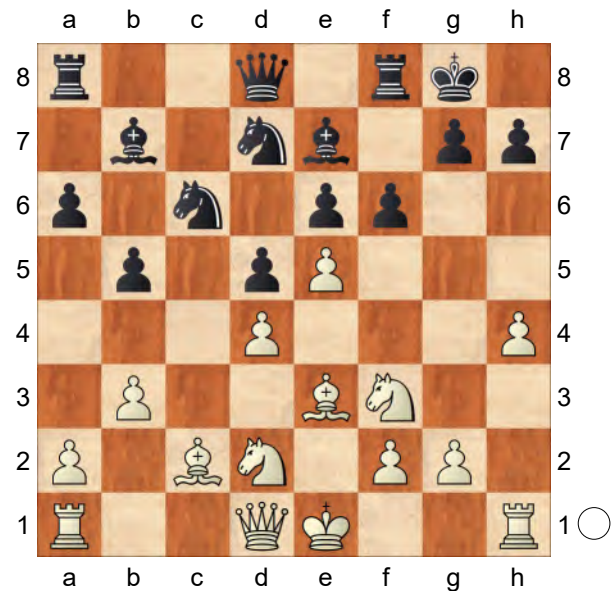
[12...Ba3! -0.07/21]

13.h4 -0.01/20

[13.0-0 0.30/21]

13...f6 0.74/22

[13...h6= -0.01/20]



14.Qb1 -0.52/23

[White should play 14.Ng5!± 0.74/22 fxe5 15.hxe5]

14...fxe5± And now ...h7-h6 would win.

15.Bxh7+ Kh8 16.Ng5? -2.42/24

[16.Bg6!= -0.20/20]

16...Rf6? -0.74/21

[16...Nxd4 17.Bxd4 (17.Bg8 Nf5±) 17...Bb4 18.Bg8= (18.Nxe6? Qe7-+)]

[16...exd4-+ -2.42/24 and Black stays clearly on top. 17.Nxe6 Qb8 18.Nxd4 (18.Nxf8? Nxf8 19.Bg5 Nxh7-+; 18.Qg6? Qe5-+) 18...Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Bf6 20.Bxf6 Rxf6]

17.Qd1 -1.10/24

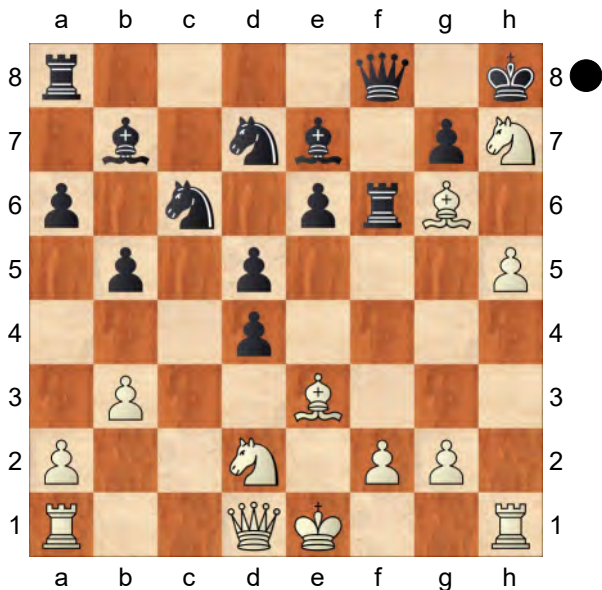
[17.dxe5 Ndx5 18.a4 g6 19.axb5 d4!]

[White should try 17.Bg6 -0.74/21 Qg8 18.Qd1! Rxe6 19.Qh5+ Rh6 20.Nf7+ Qxf7 21.Qxf7]

17...Qe8±

[Resist 17...exd4 18.Bg6! Rxe6 19.Nf7+ Kg8 20.Nxd8 dxe3 21.Nxc6 (21.Nxb7 exd2+ 22.Kf1 Nde5±)]

21...exd2+ 22.Qxd2 Bxc6 23.Qc2±]
18.h5? -3.63/22
 [18.dxe5 -0.63/22 Ndx5 19.g3
 (19.f4 d4+)]
18...exd4+
 [Stronger than 18...Nxd4 19.Bg6 Qg8
 20.Nh7=]
19.Bg6 Qf8 -0.84/26
 [Worse is 19...dxe3 20.Bxe8 exd2+
 21.Qxd2+]
 [19...Qg8+ -3.43/21 has better
 winning chances. 20.Bxd4 Nxd4]
20.Nh7 -2.14/22



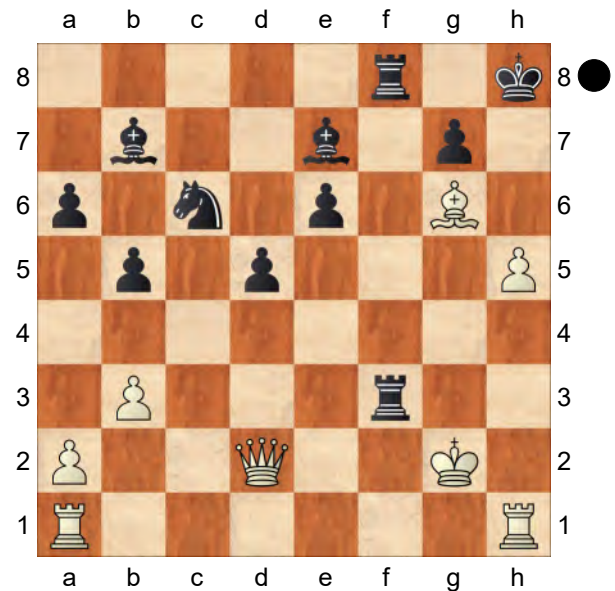
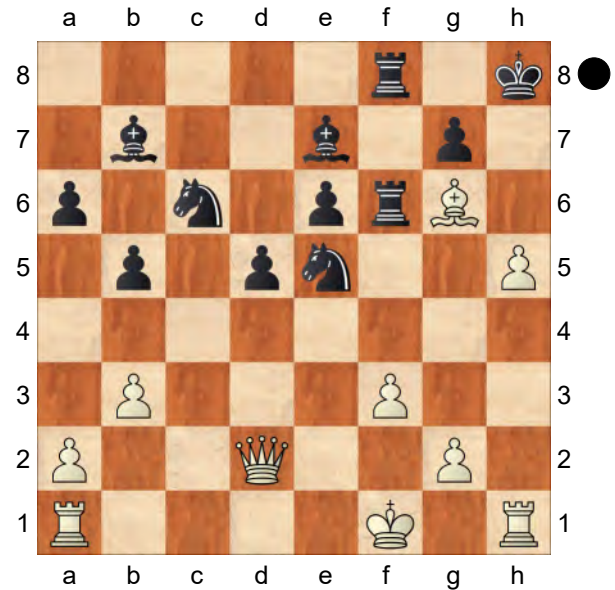
dxe3! 21.Nxf8 exd2+ 22.Kf1 -2.65/20
 [Δ22.Qxd2 -1.90/23 Raxf8 23.0-0]
22...Raxf8 The board is on fire. **23.f3**
 -4.64/22
 [23.Qxd2 -2.10/22 Bb4 24.Qb2]
23...Nde5 aiming for ...Ne5xf3! **24.Qxd2**

(Diagram)

Nxf3! 25.gxf3 Rxf3+ 26.Kg2

(Diagram)

Ra1-f1 is the strong threat. **26...Bb4!**
27.Qc1 -7.31/25



[27.Qc2 -2.76/22 d4 28.h6 Rf2+
 29.Qxf2 Ne5+ 30.Kg3 Rxf2 31.Kxf2
 Bxh1 32.Rxh1 Nxg6 33.Kf3]
27...Rf2+ Black is clearly winning.
28.Kg1 Nd4 29.Bd3 Bd2 30.Qc5 Be3
 Weighted Error Value: White=1. 01/
 Black=0.41
0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Mason, James

Match Mason-Bird +11-4=4 (19) 01.1876
[Mon Hokmome]

A02

A02: Bird's Opening 1.f4 f5

[1...d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.b3
Nbd7 5.Bb2 e6 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3
Bd6 8.Nc3 c6 9.g4 h6 10.h4 h5
11.g5 Ng4 Chess Informant ECO
Survey 2003]

2.e3 Nf6N

[2...e6 3.Be2 Nf6 4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2
0-0 6.Nf3 d6 7.a4 Ne4 8.d3 Bf6
9.c3 Nc5 10.b4 Ncd7 11.Qb3 Qe8
12.Nd4 Bxd4 13.cxd4 d5 14.Nd2
Nf6 15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Kd2 Nd7 17.h3
4.Qxd4 side lines-Read, E Sokhumi
1878 Juniors [Wang, Zili; Zhu, Chen]
1-0 (32)]

3.b3 b6 4.Bb2 e6 5.Be2 Bb7 6.Bf3
Nc6 7.Nh3 -0.42/20

[7.Ne2= -0.10/20]

7...Be7 0.00/19

[7...Qe7= -0.42/20]

8.c4 -0.37/19

[8.Rg1= 0.00/19 should be
considered.]

8...Rb8 0.17/20

[8...d5= -0.37/19]

9.0-0= 0-0 10.d3 d5 11.d4 -0.33/21

[11.Qe2= 0.07/18]

11...Qe8 0.04/19

[11...dxc4= -0.33/21 12.bxc4 Qd7]

12.Nc3 -0.81/21

[12.Nd2= 0.04/19 remains equal.]

12...Nd8 0.00/19

[12...dxc4= -0.81/21 13.Ng5 Bd6]

13.Rc1 c6 14.Rc2 a6 0.34/21

[14...Nf7= -0.07/19]

15.Be2 -0.10/19

[15.Na4± 0.34/21 deserves

consideration.]

15...Nf7 16.Nf2 Ba8 0.53/21

[16...c5= 0.00/18]

17.Bd3

[17.c5!]

17...Nh6 18.Be2 -0.01/19

[18.c5± 0.42/20]

18...Rc8 1.02/21

[18...Nf7= -0.01/19]

19.Nb1 0.08/20

[19.cxd5± 1.02/21 exd5 20.Bxa6]

19...Kh8 0.66/20

[19...c5= 0.08/20]

20.Nd2 Rg8 0.79/20

[20...c5± 0.40/19 is superior.]

21.Nf3 0.45/20

[21.c5± 0.79/20]

21...Nf7 22.Nh3 0.12/20

[22.c5± 0.75/19]

22...Ng4 0.79/22

[22...c5!= 0.12/20]

23.Bc1 g5? 2.30/21

[Better is 23...c5± 0.53/22]

24.Ne5? 0.59/20

[White should play 24.Nhxc5+-
2.30/21 Bb7 25.c5 (25.Nxe6 Bb4±)]

24...Ngxe5± 25.fxe5 g4 0.86/22

[25...c5± 0.45/21]

26.Nf4± Ng5 27.Kh1 0.64/20

[27.cxd5± 1.07/22 cxd5 28.Bxa6
Rxc2 29.Qxc2]

27...Qf8 1.63/19

[27...Bb7± 0.64/20]

28.Bxg4? -1.57/21 Qh6? 1.97/20

[28...fxg4= -1.57/21 keeps the
pressure on. 29.Nxe6 Qh6 30.Nxg5
Qxg5]

29.Bh3 1.13/22

[29.Be2+- 1.97/20]

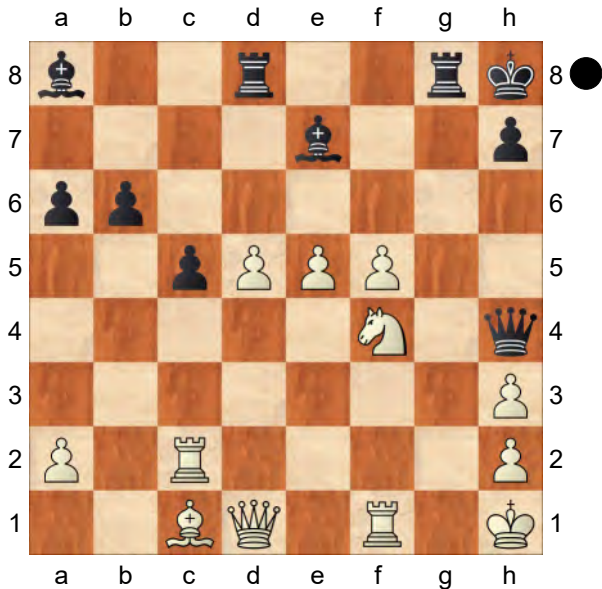
29...dxc4 1.59/22

[29...Ne4 1.13/22]

30.bxc4 And now e3-e4! would win.

[Don't go for 30.Rxc4? Nxc3 31.Nxc3

Rxg2!! 32.Kxg2 Rg8+ 33.Kh1 c5+
 34.d5 exd5+-]
30...c5? 4.02/23
 [30...Rgf8± 1.37/22 31.Qe2 Bb7]
31.d5+- Rcd8 32.e4 Qh4 33.exf5
 Threatens to win with f5-f6. **33...exd5**
34.cxd5 1.53/18
 [34.Nxd5+- 5.17/20 Nxh3 35.Bb2
 (35.gxh3? b5+-)]
34...Nxh3± 35.gxh3 -7.15/24
 [Wrong is 35.Nxh3? Bxd5 36.Rf3
 Qa4+-]
 [35.f6+- 2.56/20 Nxf4 36.Rxf4 Rxd5
 37.Qg1]



35...Rxd5!!-+ Decoy 36.Nxd5 Qe4+
37.Rf3 Bxd5 38.Rcf2 Black must now
 prevent f5-f6. **38...Bh4** Dancing on a
 razor blade. **39.Rf1 Qxe5 40.Qd2?**
 -7.75/27

[40.Bd2 -2.84/23 Bb7 41.Bh6]
40...Bf6 This bishop pair is nice. **41.Qf4**
Qe7 -5.06/25 Quite a comeback for
 Black. Weighted Error Value: White=1.
 07/ Black=0.64

[41...Qe2 -#4/10 42.Rg1 Bxf3+
 43.Qxf3 Qxf3+ 44.Rg2 Qxg2#]
0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Mason, James

Match Mason-Bird +11-4=4 (15) 01.1876
[Mon Hokmome]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 Qe7N

[7...0-0 8.d3 d6 (8...Re8 9.h3 Bb7 10.Nbd2 Bb6 11.Nf1 d5 12.Ng3 Na5 13.Bc2 c5 14.0-0 c4 15.dxc4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Ng5 h6 18.Rd1 Qc7 19.Nxe4 Qxc4 20.Qg4 Qe6 21.Nd6 Qxg4 22.hxg4 Red8 23.b4 Wohl, R (2736)-San Segundo Carrillo, P (2590) BL 8283 2016 200 Traps In The Opening [Lirindzakis, T; Porfiriadis, S] 1-0 (48); 8...d5 9.0-0 d4 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.c4 Ne7 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Rc1 Bd6 15.Ne1 Bd7 16.Nd2 Ng6 17.g3 Qg5 18.Ng2 Bg4 19.f3 Bd7 20.Qf2 Rfc8 21.h4 Qf6 22.h5 Nf8 23.f4 Kordonowski, F (2267)-Stepinska, L (2289) Russia 2004 ZUS C73 [Persson] ½-½ (44)) 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Bh4 Qe7 12.Bd5 Bd7 13.Nf1 Rab8 14.Ng3 g6 15.Qd2 Nd8 16.h3 Kh8 17.0-0 Be6 18.d4 1-0 (18) Posizione (2470)-Wilkinson, J (2240) Rotterdam 1995 MAS A10 IS [Paul Kleindl]] [7...d6 8.d3 h6 9.Nbd2 Bb6 10.Nf1 Na5 11.Bc2 c5 12.Ng3 Nc6 13.0-0 0-0 14.h3 Re8 15.Nh4 d5 16.Nhf5 Ne7 17.Nxe7+ Rxe7 18.Bd2 d4 19.Rad1 Be6 20.cxd4 cxd4 21.Bb3 Qd7 22.f4 Wu, Z (2208)-Vincenti, L (2615) Reykjavik 2023 CHECK99 [John Watson] 0-1 (43)]

8.d3 h6 9.Be3 Bb6 0.40/21

[9...Bxe3= 0.00/21 10.Qxe3 Na5]

C77

10.Bxb6± cxb6 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Nf1 Nh5 0.60/21

[12...Na5= 0.11/21]

13.Ne3 Nf4 14.Qd2 d6 15.h4 Qd8 16.g3 Nh5 17.Bd5 Qe8 18.g4 Nf4 19.h5 Be6 20.g5 0.03/21

[20.0-0-0± 0.45/22]

20...Rc8 1.28/21

[20...hxg5= 0.03/21 21.Nxg5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Ne7]

21.Rg1 0.29/21

[Only move: 21.gxh6± 1.28/21 gxh6 22.d4]

21...Kh7= 22.a3 -0.01/21

[22.gxh6± 0.42/22 gxh6 23.d4]

22...Na5 23.b4 -0.93/22

[23.Qc2= 0.13/22 keeps the balance.]

23...Bxd5!± 24.bxa5 -1.46/22

[Δ24.gxh6 -0.72/23 gxh6 25.bxa5 (25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.bxa5 Nf4±)]

24...Be6! & Nero is more active. 25.gxh6 gxh6 26.axb6 Qc6 27.b7 -2.39/23

[27.Nh4± -1.16/22]

27...Qxb7-+ 28.Ng2 -2.84/24

[Δ28.Nh4 -1.73/20]

28...Nxg2+ 29.Rxg2 Qc7 30.Rc1 -2.43/17

[Δ30.a4 -1.78/23]

30...d5? -0.12/24

[Better is 30...Rg8-+ -2.43/17 31.Rxg8 Rxg8]

31.exd5 -0.81/23

[31.d4!= -0.12/24]

31...Bxd5± 32.Qe3 -1.95/25

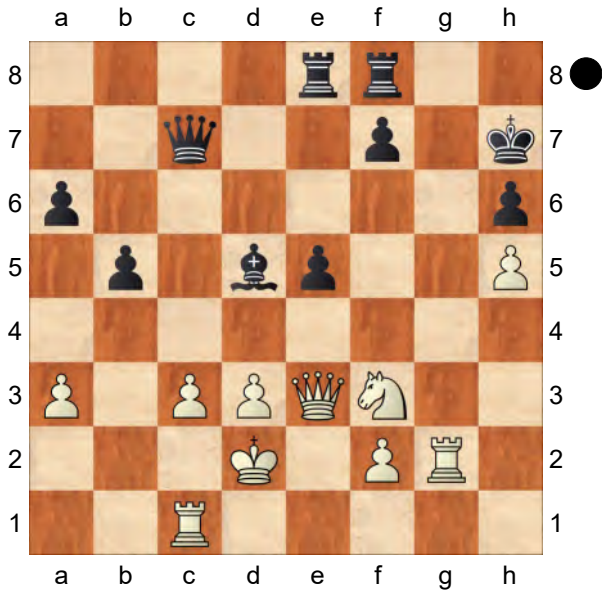
[32.Rg3± -0.75/24]

32...Rce8 -0.90/24

[32...Rfe8-+ -1.95/25 is more deadly. Threatens to win with ...e5-e4. 33.Kf1 a5]

33.Kd2? -2.92/24

[33.c4± -0.90/24 Ba8 34.Kf1]

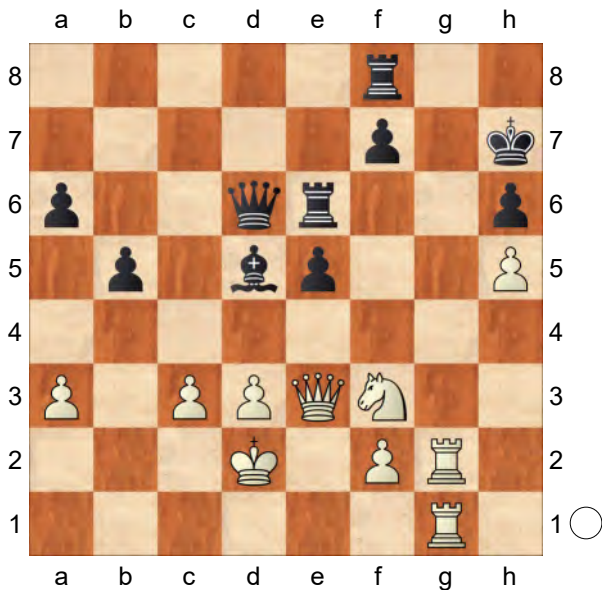


33...Qd6? 0.22/25

[33...f5!+- -2.92/24 Strongly threatening ...f5-f4. 34.Rg6 f4]

34.Rcg1= Re6? 9.22/27

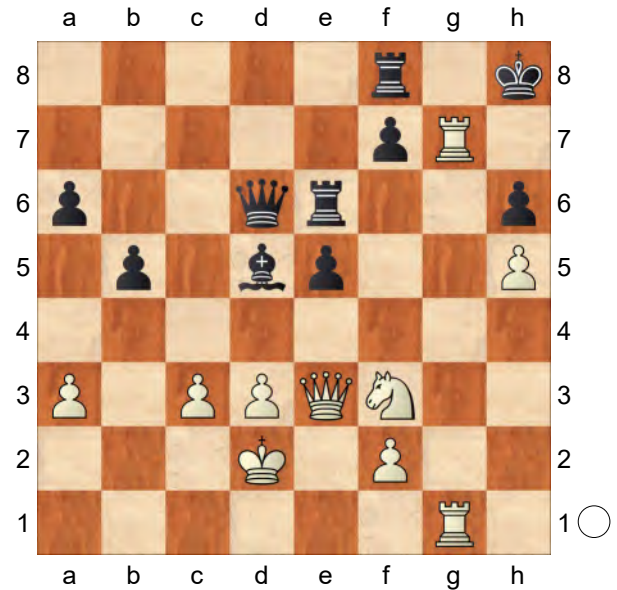
[34...Bxf3= 0.01/23 35.Qxf3 Kh8]



35.Rg7+!+- Kh8

(Diagram)

36.Ng5 hxc5 37.Qxc5 Intending Rg7-g8+ and mate. **37...Rg6 38.hxc6??** -1.93/5



[38.Rxc6+- 8.92/27 was the only winning move. fxc6 39.Qh6+ Kg8 40.Rxc6+ Qxc6 41.Qxc6+ Kh8 42.Qd6 Rxf2+ 43.Ke3]

38...Kxc6+- The board is on fire. **39.gxf7+ Kxf7 40.Qg7+ Ke8** And now ...Rf8-g8 would win. **41.Rg6 Be6**

[Not 41...Qxa3 42.Qxe5+ Qe7 43.Qb8+ (43.Qxd5? is a self mate. Rxf2+ 44.Kd1 Qe2+ 45.Kc1 Rf1#) 43...Kd7 44.Qa7+ Ke8 45.Qb8+ Qd8 46.Qe5+ (46.Qxd8+ Kxd8 47.Rd6+ Ke7=) 46...Qe7 47.Qb8+= (47.Qxd5? Rxf2+ 48.Kd1 Qe2+ 49.Kc1 Rf1#)]

[41...Rxf2+ 42.Ke1 Rg2 43.Rxd6=]

42.Qa7 Qd5 Hoping for ...Qd5-a2+.

43.Qb8+ -3.81/26

[43.Rg7 -2.66/26 Qa2+ 44.Ke1 Qb1+ 45.Ke2 Qc2+ 46.Ke1 Qxc3+ 47.Ke2]

43...Kf7 44.Rf6+ Kxf6 45.Qxf8+ Bf7

46.Qh6+ -4.40/25

[46.Ke3 -2.75/20 was necessary.]

46...Bg6 47.Qh4+ Kf7 48.d4 -12.52/28

[48.Qh3 -4.80/26]

48...Qa2+

Weighted Error Value:

White=0.73/ Black=0.39
0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Mason, James

Match Mason-Bird +11-4=4 (13) 01.1876
[Mon Hokmome]

C48: Four Knights: 4 Bb5, replies other than 4...Bb4 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5 a6 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.h3N

[6.Nxe5 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 Qd4 8.0-0 Qxe5

A) 9.Re1 Be6 (9...Be7 10.d4 Qd5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxe7 Kxe7 13.Qd2 Kd7 14.Nc5+ Kc8 15.Re5 Qd6 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Qe3 Kb8 18.c3 b6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Qf3 Kb7 21.Qh3 h6 22.Qg4 Re7 23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Rxe6

Ho Thi Anh, T-Liu, Y Kuala Lumpur 2001 EXT 2003 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (56)) 10.d4 Qf5 11.Bg5 Bd6 (11...h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 0-0-0 14.c3 Be7 15.b4 h5 16.h3 g4 17.h4 Rhe8 18.Qb1 Qd5 19.Nc5 Bf5 20.Qb2 Bd6 21.a4 Qc4 22.Qd2 b6 23.Bxd6 cxd6 24.Qf4 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Be6 26.Nxe6 Fleck, J (2396) -Chuchelov, V (2535) Deutschland 81/139 2000 Cl1-130 [Chuchelov, Vladimir] (44)) 12.g4 Qg6 13.f4 f5 14.Nxd6+ cxd6 15.d5 0-0 16.Rxe6 Qf7 17.Qe2 fxg4 18.Qxg4 cxd5 19.Rae1 Rac8 20.Qg2 Qf5 21.Bh6 Rc7 22.Re7 Rf7 23.Re8+ Rf8 Francisco, R (2532)-Lemos, J (2528) Tel Aviv 2001 200 Traps In The Opening [Tartakower, SG] ½-½;

B) 9.d4 Qd5 10.Re1 Be6 11.Ng5 0-0-0 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Qg4 Qxd4 14.Qxe6+ Qd7 15.Bg5 Bb4 16.Bxd8 Bxe1 17.Qxd7+ Kxd7

C48

18.Rxe1 Kxd8 1-0 (18) Hamming, A-Salo, T Munich 1936 EXT 2018 [ChessBase/Richter, K+Rellstab, L]

[6.0-0 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Qe2 Bd6 9.d3 Qe7 10.Nd1 0-0-0 11.Ne3 Bg6 12.Nh4 Rhg8 13.Nef5 Qe6 14.f4 Bxf5 15.Nxf5 exf4 16.Bxf4 Bc5+ 17.Be3 Bf8 18.Qf2 Rd7 19.Bc5 Bxc5 20.Qxc5 Kb8 5.Bg2 Ne7 6.d3 Nbc6_466-Darga, K Argentina 2008 200 Traps In The Opening [T. King Parks, Cork Weekly News 11/1/1908] 1-0 (54)]

6...Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 h6 9.Be3 c5 10.Nh2 Be6 11.Qf3 The position is equal. 11...c6 0.25/21

[Δ11...Kh7 -0.19/19]

12.b3= Kh7 13.Na4 Nd7 14.Qe2 Qa5 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.Nc3

[16.Qh5 feels hotter. b5 17.Nc3 Qd8 18.Nf3]

16...Rae8 17.g4 g5 18.Nd1 f6 0.23/24

[Δ18...Rh8 -0.11/21]

19.Ne3 Rf7 20.h4 Rg7 1.28/20

[20...Nf8!= 0.08/22 keeps the balance.]

21.Nf5!± Bxf5 1.78/23

[21...Nf8± 1.20/21 was necessary. 22.Nxg7 Kxg7]

22.gxf5+- Nf8? 4.70/22

[22...Rh8± 1.60/25]

23.Kh1 2.60/24

[Δ23.hxg5 4.70/22 Rxc5+ 24.Bxc5]

23...Qf7 24.Rg1 1.27/23

[24.Ng4+- 2.70/24 and White stays clearly on top.]

24...Nd7± 25.Rg3 Rg3-h3 is the strong threat. 25...Rh8

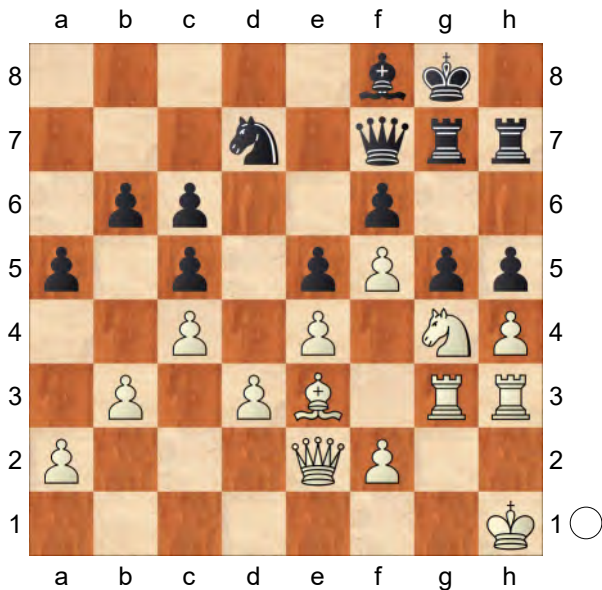
[25...gxh4? 26.Rxc7+ Qxc7 27.Rg1+-]

26.Rag1 Kg8 27.Be3 b6 1.29/22

[Δ27...Kf8 0.97/21]

28.Rh3 a5 29.c4 0.76/21

[$\Delta 29.Kg2$ 1.24/21]
29...Bf8 1.09/20
 [$\Delta 29...Rhh7$ 0.76/21]
30.Rgg3 &Bianco is more active.
30...Rhh7 1.27/20
 [$\Delta 30...Be7$ 0.91/20]
31.Ng4 h5 2.13/23
 [$31...Qe8\pm$ 1.22/23]

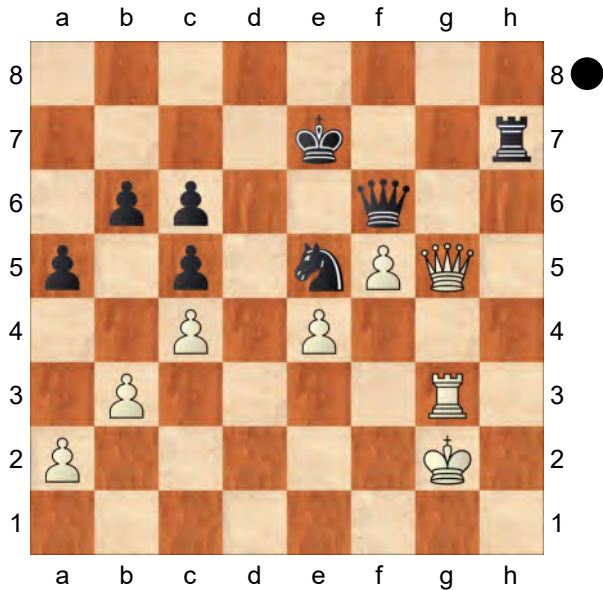


32.Nxf6+!+- Qxf6 **33.hxg5 Qd6** **34.g6 Rh8** **35.Rxh5 Nf6** **36.Rxh8+ Kxh8** **37.Rh3+ Kg8** **38.Bg5 Rd7** **39.Qe3 Bg7** **40.f4?** 0.16/23
 [$40.Qf3+-$ 1.87/25]
40...exf4 1.28/25
 [$40...b5!=$ 0.16/23 remains equal.]
41.Bxf4± Qd4 **42.Qe2?** -0.01/22
 [$42.Qxd4\pm$ 1.58/24 $Qd4-e5$ would kill now. $Rxd4$ $43.Be5$]
42...Ne8 0.78/17
 [$42...b5=$ -0.01/22]
43.Bh2 0.01/23
 [$43.Qe1\pm$ 0.78/17]
43...Re7 0.49/25
 [$43...Qa1+=$ 0.01/23 $44.Kg2$ $Be5$]
44.Bg1± White has compensation.
 Really sharp! **44...Qe5** 0.95/22
 [$44...Qa1=$ 0.30/24]

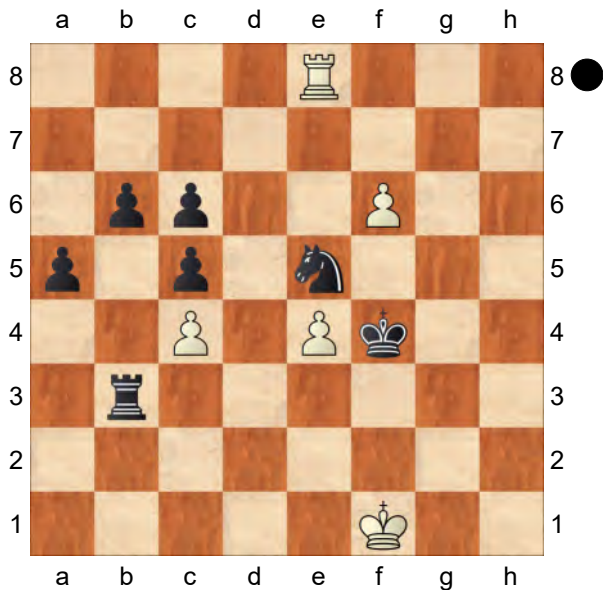
45.Qh5 -0.30/25
 [White should try $45.Be3\pm$ 0.95/22]
45...Nf6 0.01/23
 [$45...Qa1!$ -0.30/25 is superior.]
46.Qh4 Nd7 **47.Rf3 Qf6** **48.Qh2** -0.43/23
 [$48.Qxf6=$ 0.01/23 $Bxf6$ $49.Bh2$]
48...Ne5!± **49.Rg3 Rd7** **50.Qh3 Qd6** 0.01/21
 [$50...Qd8\mp$ -0.63/24]
51.Bh2? -1.70/24
 [$51.Qh7+!=$ 0.01/21 and White stays safe. $Kf8$ $52.Be3$]
51...Qe7 -0.31/22
 [$51...Nxd3+-$ -1.70/24 Hoping for ... $Nd3-f2+$. $52.Rf3$ $Ne5$]
52.Re3 Nxd3 **53.Bg3** -1.04/25
 Against $Nd3-f2+$
 [$53.Rxd3?$ $Qxe4+$ $54.Rf3$ $Rd3+-$]
 [$53.f6\mp$ -0.31/24 $Nf2+$ $54.Kg2$ $Bxf6$ $55.Kxf2$]
53...Ne5± **54.Re1** -2.03/23
 [$54.Qh7+\mp$ -0.94/23 $Kf8$ $55.Qh5$]
54...Bf6 -1.04/20
 [Better is $54...Rd3+-$ -2.03/23
 And now ... $Ne5-f3$ would win. $55.Rf1$ ($55.Qh7+?$ $Kf8+-$) $55...Bf6$]
55.g7? -4.13/25
 [$55.Qh5\mp$ -1.04/20 is a better chance.]
55...Bxg7+- **56.Bh4 Bf6** **57.Rg1+ Kf8!**
 [$57...Kf7?$ $58.Bxf6$ $Qxf6$ $59.Qh7+$ $Ke8$ $60.Rg8+$ $Qf8$ $61.Rxf8+$ $Kxf8$ $62.Qh8+$ $Kf7$ $63.Qxe5+-$]
58.Bxf6 Qxf6 **59.Qh5 Rf7** **60.Rg3 Ke7** **61.Qg5** -6.58/27
 [$\Delta 61.Kg2$ -4.52/23]
61...Rh7+ **62.Kg2**

(Diagram)

Rh2+!! **63.Kf1**
 [$63.Kxh2$ $Nf3+$]



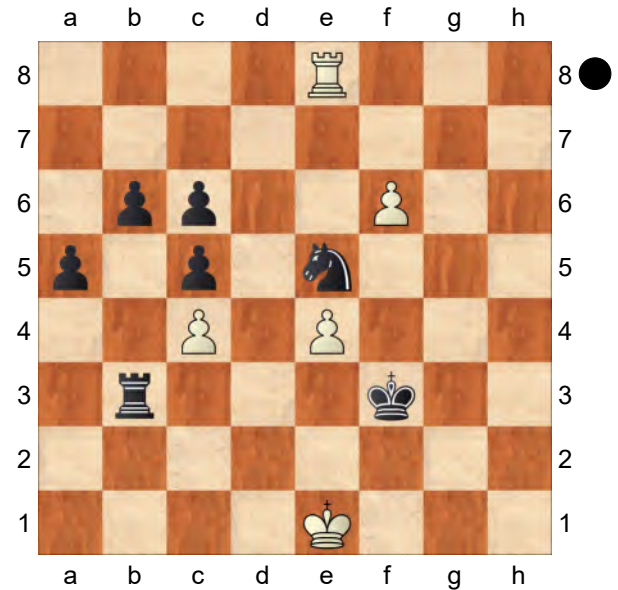
63...Qxg5 64.Rxg5 Rxa2
 Endgame KRN-KR 65.Rg7+ Kf6
 66.Rh7 Nf7 67.Rh3 Ra3 68.Rg3 Ne5
 aiming for .. a5-a4. 69.Rg8 Rxb3
 70.Rf8+ Kg5 Threatens to win with ...
 Kg5-f4. 71.Re8 Kf4 (→ ...Rb3-b2)
 72.f6



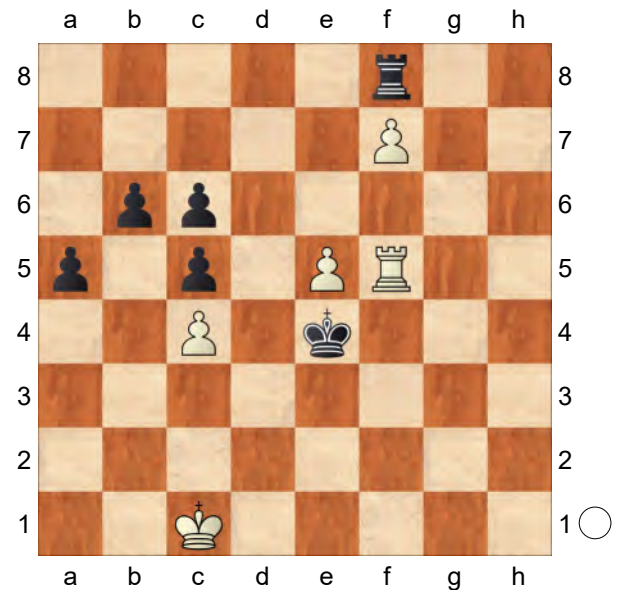
Kf3! 73.Ke1

(Diagram)

Rb2? -0.01/20 74.Rxe5= KR-KR
 74...Ke3 75.Kd1 Kd3 76.Kc1



Inhibits Rb2-b1+. 76...Rh2? 5.47/24
 [76...Rf2? 77.Rf5 Rh2 78.f7 Rh1+
 79.Kb2 Rh2+ 80.Kb3+-]
 [76...Rc2+= 0.01/23 77.Kb1 Kd2]
 77.Rf5 Rh8 White is winning. 78.f7 Rf8
 79.e5 Strongly threatening e5-e6.
 79...Ke4



80.e6! White used his chance. Weighted
 Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.35
 1-0

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□ Bird, Henry Edward
 ■ Medley, George Webb

London m2

A02

1849

[Mon Hokmome]

A02: Bird's Opening 1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6
 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 Ng4
 0.57/20

[5...Bg4= 0.19/21 was preferable.]

6.Bg5 0.01/23

[6.g3± 0.57/20]

6...f6= 7.Bh4 g5

[7...Qe7 is more complex. 8.Bf2 Nc6
 9.Nc3 Bf5]

8.Bf2 The position is equal. 8...Nxf2

9.Kxf2 g4 10.Nh4 -0.49/22

[10.Nfd2= 0.01/21]

10...f5 11.g3 f4 -0.27/22

[11...0-0 0.74/22 And now ...f5-f4
 would win. 12.e4 fxe4+ 13.Kg2
 Nd7]

12.e4N -1.44/23

[12.Qd3!= -0.27/22 0-0 13.Kg1
 (13.Ke1 Nc6 14.Nd2 Qe7 15.c3
 Bd7 16.Ne4 Rae8 17.Nxd6 cxd6
 18.Rd1 Qg5 19.Qd2 Qd5 20.Ng2 f3
 21.Nf4 fxe2 22.Bg2 exd1Q+
 23.Kxd1 Qf5 24.Kc1 Ne7 25.h3
 Qg5 26.hxg4 Bxg4 27.Bxb7 Ng6
 4.Qxd4 side lines-6.0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0
 8.Nbd2 - P 10.c3 h5 1888 Mega2023
 Update 22 [Glatman] 0-1 (33))
 13...Qf6 14.Bg2 fxg3 15.hxg3 Qf2+
 16.Kh2 Rf3 17.Qc4+ Kh8
 0-1 (17) 4.Qxd4 side lines-6.0-0 a5 7.
 Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 - P 6.Bc4 Qe7 1886
 CBM 91-C47 [Dragan Solak]]

12...Nc6 Threatens to win with ...Qd8-
 f6.

[Not 12...fxe3+ 13.Kg2 27]

13.Bb5 -2.66/23

[13.Nc3 -1.75/22]

13...fxg3+? -0.13/22

[13...0-0!-+ -2.66/23 14.Kg2 Be7
 15.Bxc6 (15.Bc4+? Kg7-+)
 15...bxc6]

14.hxg3= 0-0+ 15.Kg2! Qf6 16.Rf1
 Against Qf6-f2+ 16...Qxd4 17.Rxf8+
 Bxf8 18.Nc3 White has counterplay
 18...Bc5 0.57/24

[18...Be6= -0.01/23]

19.Qe2! Black must now prevent
 Bb5xc6. 19...Be6 20.Rd1 0.42/24

[20.Nf5± 0.90/25 Qf6 21.Qxg4+ Kh8
 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Qf4]

20...Qe5 0.80/26

[20...Qe3!± 0.42/24]

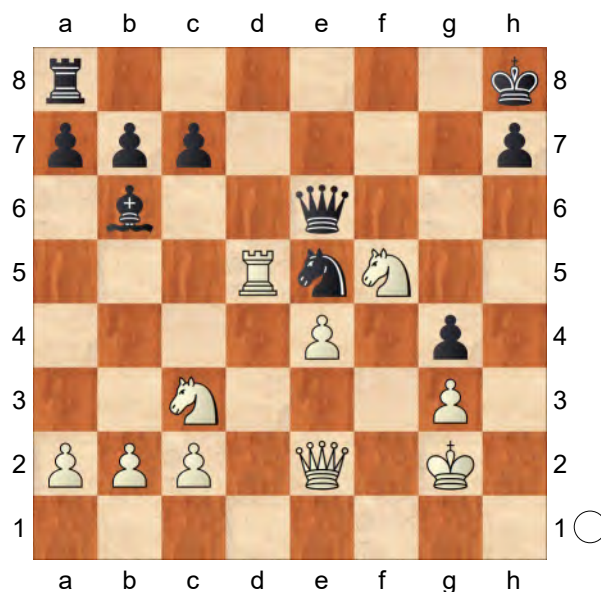
21.Bc4± Kh8! ...Bc5-d6 is the strong
 threat. 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Rd5 0.08/21

[23.Nf5± 0.55/23
 is more appropriate.]

23...Bb6 0.62/24

[23...Bf8= 0.08/21]

24.Nf5± Ne5



25.Qd2 0.27/26 & Bianco is more active.

[White should try 25.Na4!± 0.75/26]

25...c6 26.Rd6 Qf7 27.Qh6! Ng6
 28.Qg5 The board is on fire. 28...Rf8

29.Qxg4 0.15/25

[29.Rd1± 0.51/23]

29...Bc7!= 30.Rd1 Nf4+! 31.Kh2 Nh5

32.Ne2 Nf6 33.Qf3 -0.46/24

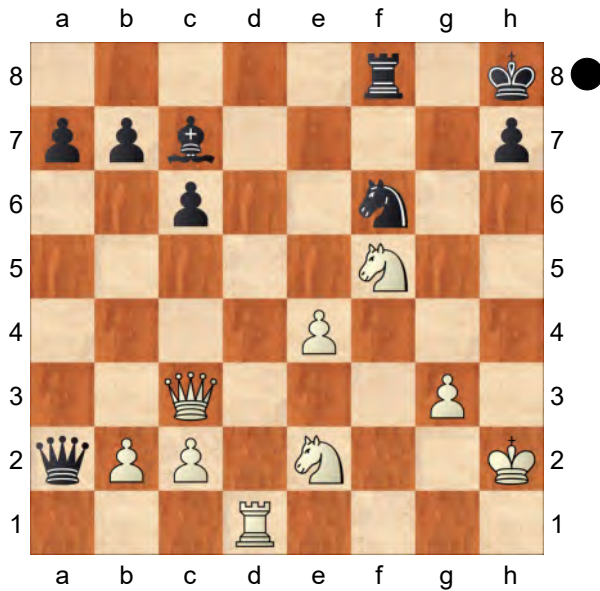
[33.Qh4= -0.01/24 is superior.]

33...Qxa2

[Much weaker is 33...Nxe4 34.Qxe4

Qxf5 35.Qxf5 Rxf5 36.Rd7=]

34.Qc3



Qe6 Prevents Rd1-d7. 35.Nf4 Bxf4
0.01/23

[Better is 35...Qxe4 -0.86/25 36.Nd6
Qe7]

36.gxf4= Strongly threatening Rd1-d6.

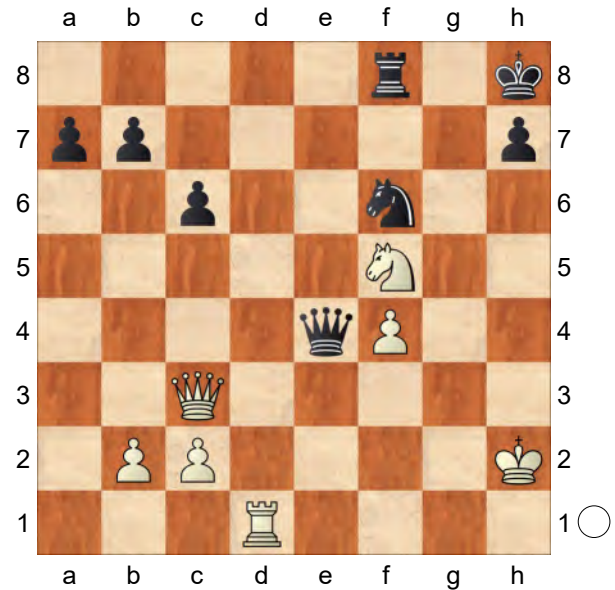
36...Qxe4? #4/10

[36...Qf7= 0.01/23 37.Rd6 Qh5+
38.Kg2 Qg4+ 39.Kh1 Qh5+ 40.Kg2
Qg4+ 41.Kh1 Qh5+ 42.Kg2]

(Diagram)

37.Qxf6+! Back Rank. Never resign too
early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.24
(precise) /Black=0.43

1-0



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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Minckwitz, Johannes

DSB Kongress-04 Meisterturnier (17)

[Mon Hokmome]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 1.f4 d5
2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2
c5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bb5 0-0 8.Bxc6
bxc6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Qe1

[10.Ne5 is a more usual way to attack.
ist der übliche Weg, um anzugreifen.]

10...Ba6 11.d3 Rab8 0.31/18

[Better is 11...c4= -0.27/22]

12.Qg3 -0.16/19

[12.Na4± 0.31/18 deserves
consideration.]

12...Ne8 0.55/19

[12...c4!= -0.16/19]

13.Ne5 -0.21/20

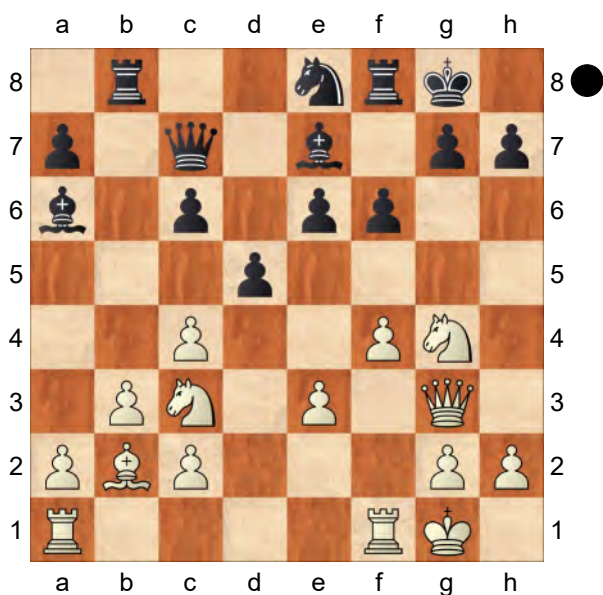
[White should play 13.Na4± 0.55/19]

13...f6= 14.Ng4 -0.60/20

[14.Nf3= -0.13/20]

14...c4!± 15.dxc4 -0.81/18

[15.Rfd1± -0.44/19]



15...Bxc4!± 16.Rf3

[16.Rfe1 Ba6]

A03

16...Ba6 17.Qh3 f5 18.Ne5 Nf6

19.Rg3! Bd6 -0.06/23

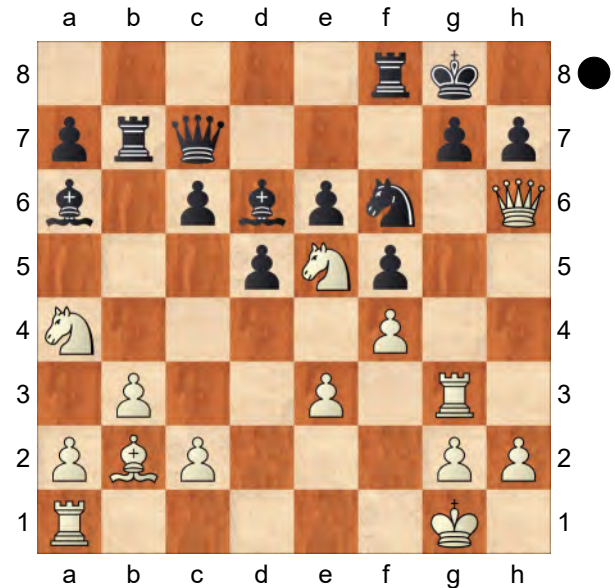
[19...c5± -0.48/17]

20.Qh6 -0.49/23

[20.Qh4= -0.06/23]

20...Rb7 21.Na4 -0.71/22

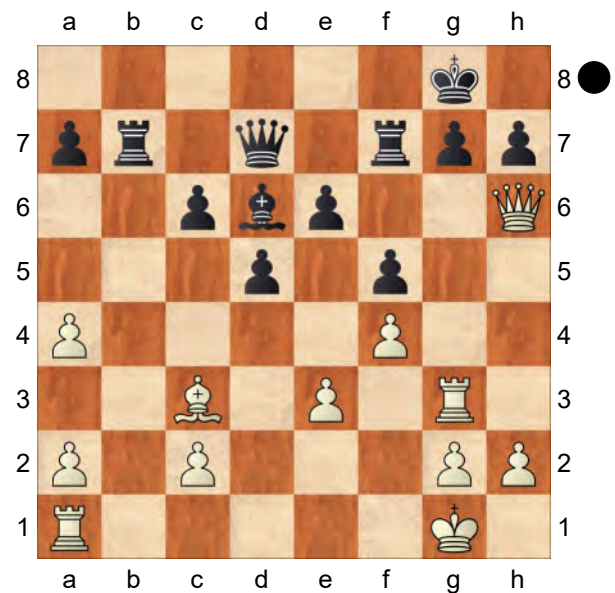
[21.Nd1!= -0.25/20]



21...Bb5 -0.39/25

[21...Be2!± -0.71/22]

22.Nd7 -1.49/26 Qxd7 23.Bxf6 Rf7
aiming for ... Kg8-f8. 24.Bc3 Bxa4
25.bxa4



c5 -0.97/22

[25...Ba3!+- **-1.67/23** **Strongly threatening ...Ba3-b2. 26.Rf1 Bb2]**

26.Rf1 Hoping for Bc3xg7! **26...Bf8**

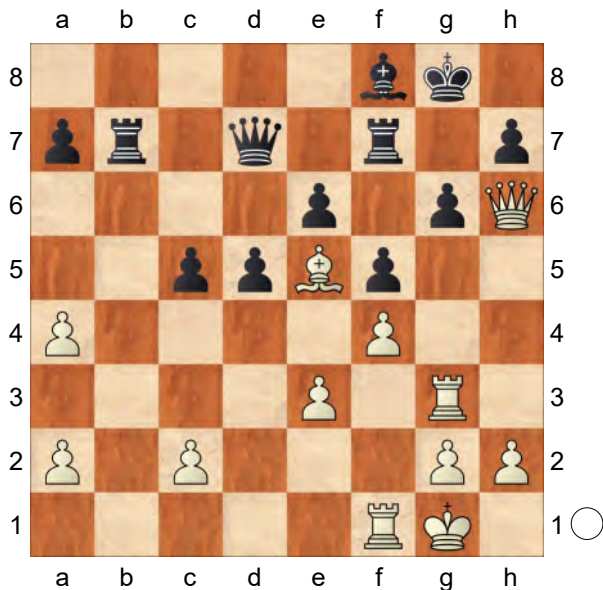
White must now prevent ...d5-d4. **27.Be5 -1.49/18**

[Δ 27.Qh5 **-1.04/23**]

27...g6? 4.06/24

[Not 27...Qxa4 28.Qxe6 Qd7 29.Qa6 $\bar{f}$]

[27...c4 $\bar{f}$ **-1.49/18** **stays on course. 28.Qh5 Re7]**



A mistake that costs the game.

28.Rxg6+!+- Bg7

(Diagram)

29.Bxg7! Rxg7 30.Rxg7+ Qxg7

31.Qxe6+ Endgame KQR-KQR 31...Qf7

32.Qc8+ Kg7 33.Qxc5 Qe6 34.Rd1

Rd7 35.Qd4+ Kg6 36.c4 Qd6

37.cxd5 Qa3 38.d6 Qxa2 39.e4 fxe4

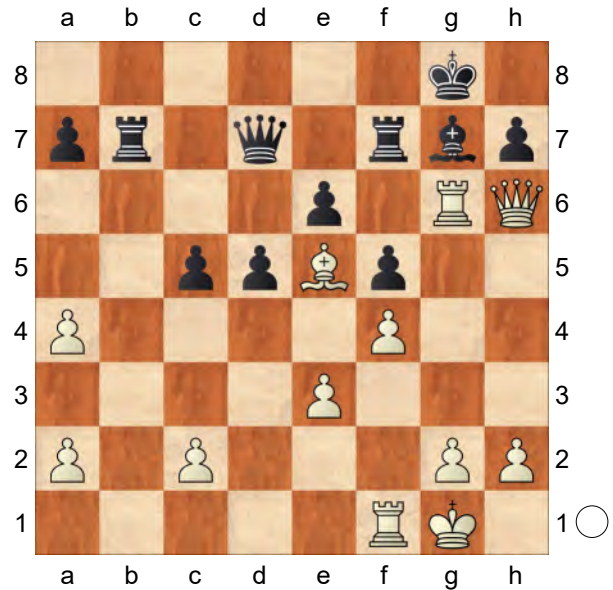
40.Qxe4+ White mates. 40...Kg7

41.Qe5+ Kf7 42.Qf5+ Ke8 43.Re1+

Kd8 44.Qf8# Weighted Error Value:

White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.80

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Pillsbury Harry, N..

it London (England)

[Mon Hokmome]

C32

C32: Falkbeer Counter Gambit: 3 exd5 e4 4 d3 Nf6 1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 e4 4.Bb5+ c6 5.dxc6 bxc6 0.25/23

[ 5...Nxc6 -0.23/23 6.Nc3 Nf6]

6.Bc4=

[6.Ba4 Qd4 7.c3 Qd6 8.Ne2 Bg4 9.0-0 Qd3 10.Re1 Bc5+ 11.Kf1 Qf3+ 12.gxf3 Bh3# 0-1 (12) Clausen, S-Cohen, A Philadelphia 1969 Beating 1 e4 e5 [Game 109]]

6...Nf6 7.Qe2N -1.13/21

[7.Nc3= 0.20/22]

[7.d4 exd3 (7...Nbd7 8.Ne2 Nb6 9.Bb3 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.c3 c5 12.a4 c4 13.Bc2 a5 14.Na3 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 Re8 16.b3 Qd5 17.bxc4 Nxc4 18.Rb3 e3 19.Rf3 Bd7 20.Rb1 Bc6 21.Bd3 Ng4 22.Qc2 2.c4 e5 (2600) -Wessendorf, T Poland 1864 200 Traps In The Opening [Dorner, Cranbourne] 0-1 (34)) 8.Qxd3 Nbd7 9.Be3 Bb4+ 10.Nd2 0-0 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.a3 Be7 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.Nf3 Nb6 15.Ne5 c5 16.Rhe1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Be6 18.Qb5 Rfc8 19.Na5 Bd6 20.Nac4 Bf8 21.g3 Rab8 Perez Tangarife, S-Schmidt, G Tromso 1923 CBM 91-C47 [FS 106] 0-1 (39)]

7...Bc5+ Black has strong compensation. 8.Nc3 Black is better.

8...0-0 9.Qf1 -1.67/20

[9.h3+ -0.79/20]

9...Qe7 -0.74/21

[9...Nbd7+ -1.67/20 has better winning chances. White must now prevent ...Nd7-b6. 10.Na4 Bd6]

10.Nd1 -1.70/21

[10.Na4+ -0.74/21]

10...a5 11.Ne3 Na6 -1.07/19

[Better is 11...Nbd7+ -1.78/20 ...Nd7-b6 is the strong threat. 12.Nh3 Nb6]

12.a3 Nc7+ Black is in control. & Nero is more active. 13.g3 -1.79/18

[13.h3+ -0.82/20]

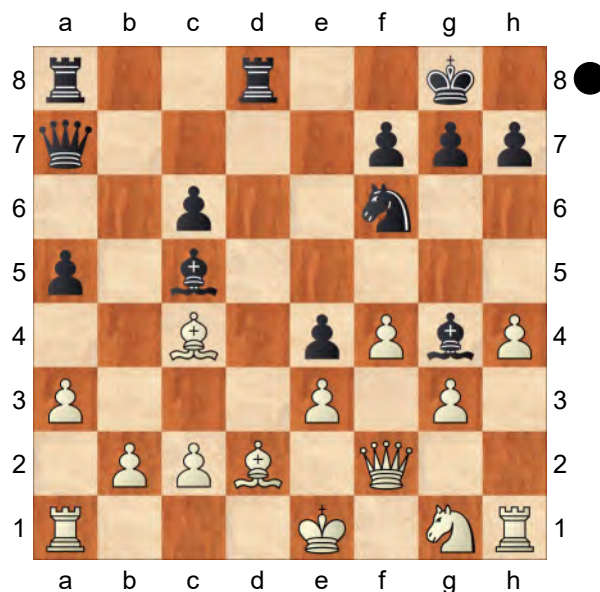
13...Ncd5+ 14.h4? -3.46/21

[14.h3 -1.74/19]

14...Nxe3 15.dxe3 Qa7 16.Qe2 -5.16/22

[ 16.Ne2 -3.23/21 Rd8 17.Nd4 Bxd4 18.exd4]

16...Rd8 Threatens to win with ...Bc8-g4. 17.Bd2 Bg4 18.Qf2



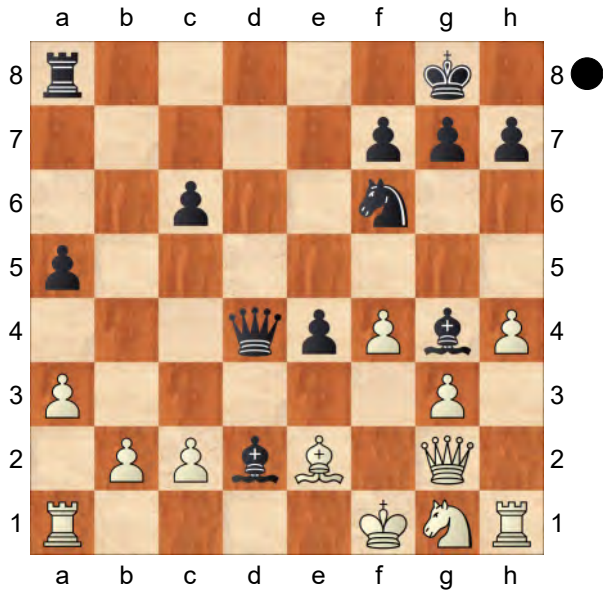
Rxd2! Remove Defender, Decoy
19.Qxd2 Bxe3 20.Qg2 Qd4 21.Be2
Bd2+ A strong pair of Bishops. 22.Kf1

(Diagram)

Nd5! 23.Bxg4

[23.Qf2 Ne3+]

23...Ne3+ 24.Kf2 Nxc2+ 25.Kf1 Ne3+
26.Kf2 Nxc4+ Discovered Attack
(Double Check) 27.Ke2 Qd3+



Weighted Error Value: White=1. 21/
Black=0.08 (flawless)

0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Pillsbury, Harry Nelson

London International (3)

02.06.1899

[Mon Hokmome]

C32

C32: Falkbeer Counter Gambit: 3 exd5
e4 4 d3 Nf6 1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5
e4 4.Bb5+ c6 5.dxc6 bxc6 6.Bc4
Nf6 7.Qe2 -1.13/21

[7.Nc3= 0.12/22 keeps the balance.]

7...Bc5+ Black has strong
compensation. 8.Nc3 Black is better.

8...0-0 9.Qf1 -1.48/19

[Δ9.Nh3 -0.87/20]

9...Qe7 -0.57/21 & Nero is more active.

[9...Nbd7+ -1.48/19 10.Na4 Bd6]

10.Nd1 -1.81/22

[10.Na4!+ -0.57/21]

10...a5 -1.38/19

[Black should try 10...Nbd7+ -1.81/22
11.g3 Nb6]

11.Ne3 -1.90/21

[11.Ne2+ -1.38/19]



11...Na6 -0.99/21

[11...Nbd7!+ -1.90/21 White must
now prevent ...Nd7-b6. 12.a3 Nb6]

12.a3 Nc7↑ Black is really pushing.

13.g3 -1.83/20

[13.Ne2+ -1.01/20]

13...Ncd5+ 14.h4? -3.24/22

[14.Ne2 -1.73/20 was worth a try.]

14...Nxe3 15.dxe3 Qa7 16.Qe2
-4.72/22

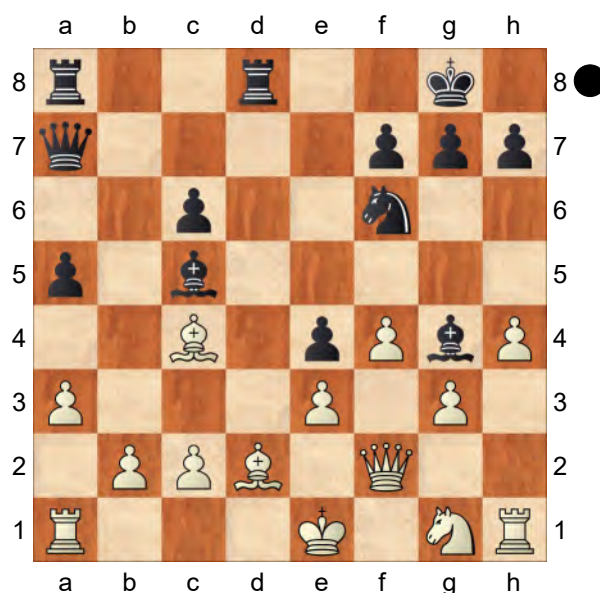
[16.Ne2 -2.63/21]

16...Rd8 Threatens to win with ...Bc8-g4.

17.Bd2 -7.53/22

[Δ17.f5 -4.41/23 Bxf5 18.Qf1]

17...Bg4 18.Qf2



Rxd2! Remove Defender, Decoy

19.Qxd2 Bxe3 20.Qg2 Qd4 21.Be2

Bd2+ This bishop pair is nice. 22.Kf1

(Diagram)

Nd5! Strongly threatening ... Nd5-e3+.

23.Bxg4

[23.Qf2 Ne3+]

23...Ne3+ 24.Kf2 Nxc2+ -7.53/5

[Δ24...Nxg4+ -18.07/31 25.Kf1 Ne3+

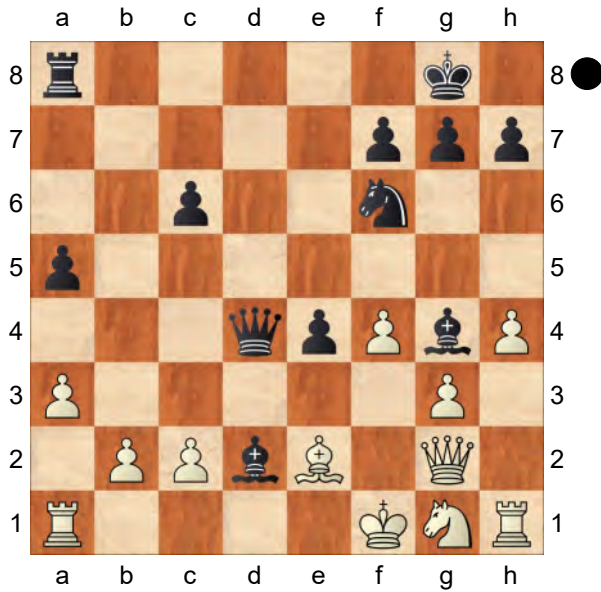
26.Kf2 Nxc2+ 27.Kf1 Ne3+ 28.Kf2

Nf5+ 29.Kf1 Qd3+ 30.Ne2 Ne3+

31.Kg1 Nxg2 32.Kxg2 Qxe2+

33.Kh3 f5]

25.Kf1 Ne3+ 26.Kf2 Nxg4+



Discovered Attack (Double Check)

27.Ke2 Qd3+ 28.Kd1N Ne3#

Weighted Error Value: White=1.26/
Black=0.29 (precise)

0-1

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 **Bird, Henry Edward**
 **Pitschel, C..**

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[Mon Hokmome]

A02

1878

A 0 2 : B i r d ' s O p e n i n g
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 Sar~unas: ***INTERCEPTION***
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 of the blue.'" Schallop, Emil: '070
 Unregelmäßige Eröffnung . ' 1.f4 f5
 2.e3 e6 3.Be2 Nf6 4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2
 0-0 6.Nf3 d6 7.a4 -0.19/19
 [$\triangle$ 7.d4 0.22/19]
 7...Ne4 0.20/19
 [$\triangle$ 7...c5 -0.19/19]
 8.d3 The position is equal. 8...Bf6
 0.47/19 9.c3± Nc5 10.b4 Ncd7
 11.Qb3 Qe8 0.77/20
 [11...a5± 0.41/20]
 12.Nd4 0.32/20
 [12.d4± 0.77/20]
 12...Bxd4 0.95/20
 [12...d5± 0.32/20]
 13.cxd4± d5 1.27/21
 [$\triangle$ 13...Nf6 0.79/19]
 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nf3 Ng4 1.81/20
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 16.Kd2 Qd8]
 16.Kd2 1.23/19
 [16.h3+- 1.81/20 Nf6 17.0-0]
 16...Nd7 2.14/22
 [16...a6± 1.23/19 17.b5 Qd8]
 17.h3 Nh6 18.Rhc1 c6 19.b5 Nf6
 3.12/22
 [19...Rf6 2.09/21 keeps fighting.
 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Rxc6 Rb8]
 20.Ba3+- Rf7 21.Ne5 Bd7 22.g4
 [Don't play 22.Nxf7 Qxf7 23.Rg1
 Qg6+-]
 22...cxb5 5.40/21

[22...fxg4 3.78/21 was called for.
 23.hxg4 Nfxg4 24.Bxg4 Nxg4
 25.Nxg4 cxb5]
23.g5 bxa4 24.Qb4 Bc6 25.gxf6 Rc7
 8.71/24
 [Δ25...a5 4.21/23 26.Qb6 Rxf6]
26.Rg1 Rac8 27.Rac1 g6 28.h4 Kh8
29.Qd6 a5 10.96/21
 [Δ29...Nf7 4.44/20 30.Qb4 Nxe5
 31.dxe5 h5]
30.h5 b5 31.Bc5 7.81/20
 [Δ31.hxg6 21.05/24 hxg6 32.Rxg6
 Qxg6 33.Nxg6+ Kh7 34.Nf8+ Kh8
 35.Rh1 Be8 36.Rxh6+ Kg8 37.Bc5]
31...Ba8 32.hxg6 White mates. 32...b4
33.g7+N Rxg7 34.fxg7+ Kg8 35.Qf8+
Qxf8 36.gxf8Q# Black got outplayed
 after the opening. Weighted Error Value:
 White=0. 53/Black=0.65
1-0

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C00

□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Pitschel, Karl

Wien International-01 (10) 31.07.1873
[Mon Hokmome]

C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 e6 2.Bb5 a6

[2...Qg5 3.Be2 Qxg2 4.Bf3 Qg6
5.d4 c5 6.d5 exd5 7.exd5 Bd6
8.Nc3 Ne7 9.h4 Be5 10.Nge2 d6
11.Ne4 Bg4 12.h5 Qf5 13.Bxg4
Qxe4 14.Rh4 f5 15.f3 Qa4 16.h6
g6 17.Bg5 Bettman, J-Barsov, A
(2465) Haarlem 1998 [Neil] 0-1 fvg4
18.Rxg4 Qd7 19.Re4 Qf5 20.Qd2
Qxf3 21.Rxe5 Qh1+ 0-1 (21)
Beukema, S-Van Overdam, J 64: Dutch
League 2018 OR: Modern Defence
[Cyrus Lakdawala]]

3.Ba4 c5N

[3...b5 4.Bb3 Bb7 5.d3 c5 6.c3
Nc6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 Nf6
10.Bc2 Qc7 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Nf1
Rfe8 13.Ng3 Rad8 14.Bf4 e5
15.Bg5 d5 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.exd5
Rxd5 18.Ne4 Walter, A-Duffau, P
(2038) Creon FRA 2005 [Neil] 1-0 Be7
19.Re3 c4 20.Nfg5 Bxg5 21.Nxg5
f6 22.Nxh7 e4 23.Qg4 Kxh7
24.dxe4 Rd2 25.Qh5+ 1-0 (25) Grey-
Feygin, M (2038) Kalkata 2005 200
Traps In The Opening [WIT 29/2/1908;
4LS #17 p3; Harding]]

4.c3 b5 5.Bc2 Bb7 6.Ne2 -0.46/20

[6.Nf3= -0.06/20]

6...Ne7 0.21/19

[6...d5 -0.46/20]

7.Ng3 -0.27/19

[7.d4 0.21/19]

7...Nbc6 8.a4 -0.37/20

[8.d4= -0.03/19]

8...d5 -0.06/19

[8...b4 -0.37/20]

9.Qe2 -0.70/20

[9.axb5= -0.06/19 axb5 10.Rxa8
Bxa8 11.Qe2]

9...b4 10.d3 g6 11.h4 -0.93/19

[11.Bg5 -0.60/19]

11...h5 -0.60/18

[11...Bg7 12.h5 Qa5]

12.Be3 -1.55/20

[12.Nd2 -0.60/18]

12...Ng8? -0.01/20

[12...d4 -1.55/20 13.cxd4 Nxd4]

13.Nd2 -1.21/21

[13.exd5= -0.01/20 keeps the
balance. Qxd5 14.Nd2]

13...d4 -0.65/21

[13...bxc3! -1.21/21 14.Nf3
(14.bxc3? d4-+) 14...cxb2]

14.cxd4! cxd4

[Inferior is 14...Nxd4 15.Qd1=]

15.Bg5 -1.82/20

[15.Bf4! -0.62/22]

15...f6!-+ 16.Nf3 -1.94/21

[16.e5 -1.58/20 fvg5 17.Nge4]

16...fxg5 17.Nxg5 Qd7 18.Bb3 Nd8

19.f4 -1.82/20

[19.Qf3 -1.46/21]

19...Qd6 -0.67/21

[19...Nf6+ -1.82/20 Strongly
threatening ...Nf6-g4. 20.Nf1 Bg7]

20.e5!

(Diagram)

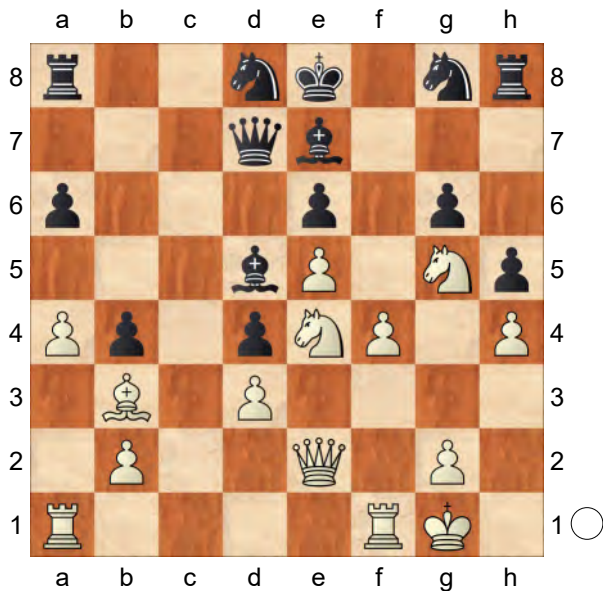
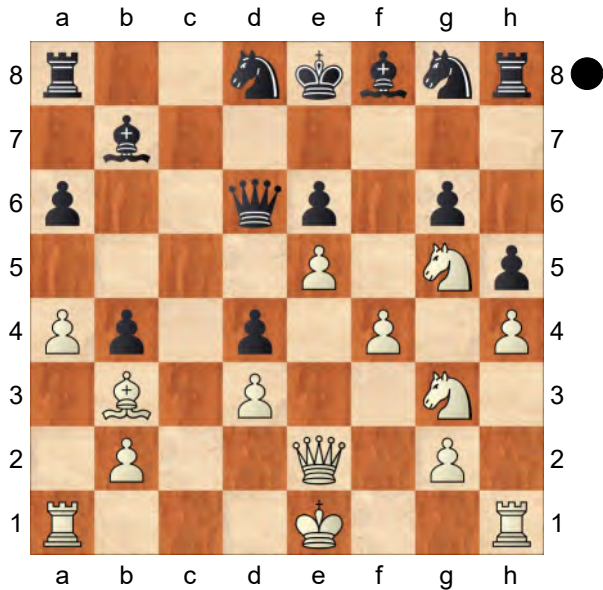
Qd7 21.N3e4 Be7 And now ...Ng8-h6
would win. 22.0-0 -1.57/21

[White should play 22.Rc1 -0.77/21]

22...Bd5? 1.95/19

[22...Nh6 -1.57/21 White must now
prevent ...0-0. 23.Nf6+ Bxf6 24.exf6
Bd5 25.Bxd5 Qxd5]

(Diagram)



This costs Black the game. **23.Nd6!+- Bxd6** 2.61/20

[Δ23...Kf8 1.83/23 24.f5 exf5 25.Bxd5 Ra7]

24.Bxd5 exd5? 7.69/22

[24...Ra7 2.46/22]

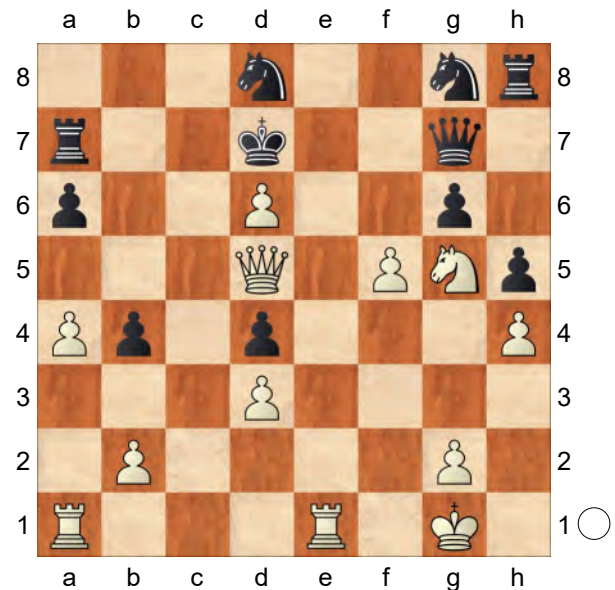
25.exd6+ Discovered Attack **25...Kf8**

26.Qe5 Qg7 27.Qxd5 Threatens to win with f4-f5. 27...Ra7 28.f5 Ke8

29.Rfe1+ 12.12/25

[Δ29.Rae1+ #15/20 Kf8 30.Ne6+ Nxe6 31.fxe6+ Qf6 32.e7+ Kg7 33.e8Q Nh6 34.Rxf6]

29...Kd7



30.Re7+! Promotion **30...Nxe7**

31.dxe7+ Kc8 32.Rc1+ Rc7 33.Qa8+

7.98/5

[Δ33.Rxc7+ #9/20 Kxc7 34.exd8Q+ Rxd8 35.Ne6+ Kc8 36.Qxd8+ Kb7 37.Nxg7 b3 38.Ne6 g5 39.Qc7+ Ka8 40.Qb6 gxh4 41.Nc7#]

33...Kd7 34.Rxc7+ 21.20/26

[Δ34.exd8Q+ #14/24 Rxd8 35.Rxc7+ Kxc7 36.Ne6+ Kd6 37.Qxa6+ (37.Nxg7 Rxa8 38.fxc6 Rg8) 37...Ke7 38.Nxg7 Rf8 39.Qe6+ Kd8 40.fxc6]

34...Kxc7 35.exd8Q+ 7.83/5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=1.09

[Δ35.exd8R 18.37/28 Rxd8 36.Ne6+ Kd6 37.Qxa6+ (37.Nxg7 Rxa8 38.fxc6 Rg8) 37...Ke7 38.Nxg7 Kd7 39.fxc6 Rh8 40.Qb7+ Kd6 41.Nf5+ Ke6 42.Nxd4+ Kf6 43.Qc6+ Ke5 44.Qc5+ Kf6 45.Qg5+ Kg7 46.Nf5+ Kg8 47.Qd8#]

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Schallop, Emil

Counties CA-15 Masters

08.1885

[Mon Hokmome]

C33

C33: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nc3 and 3 Bc4 ChessCalisthenics: 'C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4' Paul Motwani: 'G2.4: "Look out for b4 before move four!" A.Delanoy-S. Kamenecki, Cannes Open 2000. Bishop's Opening.' 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Be2 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5

[4...Nf6 5.c4 c6 6.Qa4 Qb6 7.Nf3 Bc5 8.Nc3 Bd7 9.Qd1 Bf2+ 10.Kf1 cxd5 11.d4 Be3 12.c5 Qe6 13.Bxe3 fxe3 14.Nb5 Bxb5 15.Bxb5+ Nc6 16.Ne5 Ne4 0-1 (16) Delanoy, A (2215) -Ljubisavljevic, Z (2365) Forli 1988 [ChessCalisthenics]]

5.Bf3N

[5.Nf3 c6 (5...Be7 6.d4 Qd6 7.Nc3 g5 8.0-0 Bf5 9.Bc4 Nd7 10.Qe2 Kf8 11.Nd5 h6 12.Bd2 a5 13.Rae1 Nb6 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.Ne5 Rh7 16.Bc3 Nf6 17.Bxf7 Bb4 18.Bg6 Bxg6 19.Nxg6+ Kf7 20.Ne5+ Littlewood, N-Tebi, M Tel Aviv 1964 EXT 1999 [ChessBase] 1-0 (36)) 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d4 Bd6 9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.dxe5 Nd5 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.c4 Ne7 14.Bxf4 Ng6 15.Ng5 h6 16.Ne6 Re8 17.Nxg7 Kxg7 18.Qh5 Qc5+ 19.Kh1 Rh8 Saemisch Variation, w-Games Russia 1924 Inf60 [Hort, V] 1-0 (31) 20.Bd2 Ngxe5 21.Rae1 f6 22.Rf3 Kf8 23.Bb4 Qxb4 24.Rxe5 Nxe5 25.Rxf6+ Ke7 26.Qxe5+ Kd8 27.Rf7 Rg8 28.a3 Qf8 29.Qf6+ Ke8 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8 31.Bg6+ 1-0 (31) Kashdan, I-Bentz, D corr? 1924

UltraCorr3a [Kashdan; source to be verified]]

5...Qg5 -0.28/18

[5...Qf5!± -0.76/19]

6.d4 -0.90/18

[6.h4!= -0.28/18 remains equal. Qf5 7.d4]

6...Qh4+!± 7.Kf1 Bd6 -0.35/21

[7...Nc6± -0.93/20]

8.c4± Black is slightly better. 8...c6 0.37/20

[8...Nf6± -0.65/20]

9.Nc3 -0.65/20

[Better is 9.Ne2!± 0.37/20]

9...Ne7 -0.30/21

[9...Nf6± -0.65/20 feels stronger. 10.Bd2 0-0]

10.g3 -0.76/21

[10.Ne4= -0.30/21 might be stronger. Bc7 11.d5]

10...Qh6 -0.21/19

[Black should play 10...fxg3± -0.76/21 11.Ne4 g2+ 12.Kxg2 Bf4]

11.h4 -0.57/20

[11.Ne4= -0.21/19 should be considered.]

11...Nf5 12.Nge2 -0.78/21

[12.Ne4± -0.46/22]

12...Ne3+ -0.35/20

[12...0-0!± -0.78/21 13.Ne4 Ne3+ 14.Bxe3 fxe3 15.Nxd6 Qxd6]

13.Bxe3 fxe3 14.g4? -2.40/22

[White should try 14.c5± -0.36/20 Bc7 15.Kg2]

14...Bxg4+±

[14...Qf6 15.Ng1]

15.Ng1 -3.35/22

[15.Bxg4 -2.01/23 Qf6+ 16.Nf4 (16.Kg2? Qf2+ 17.Kh3 h5+)]

15...Qf4 16.Ke2? -4.78/22

[16.c5 -2.83/21 was worth a try. Bc7 17.d5]

16...0-0 17.Bxg4 Qxg4+ 18.Nf3 Qg2+

19.Kd3 Re8 -2.96/22

[19...Na6 -4.95/22 20.c5 Bxc5!]

20.Rg1 Qxb2 Hoping for ...Nb8-a6.

21.Rb1 Qa3 22.Rb3 Qa6 aiming for ...e3-e2! **23.Ng5? -4.27/20**

[23.Ne4 -2.64/19 Rxe4 24.Kxe4]

23...b5?? 2.07/23

[23...e2!+- -4.27/20 and life is good for Black. 24.Nxe2 b5]

24.cxb5?? -2.13/23

[24.Qh5!+- 2.07/23 is the narrow road to win. bxc4+ 25.Kc2 cxb3+ 26.axb3]

24...cxb5 Strongly threatening ...b5-b4+.

25.Qh5 b4+!

[25...Nc6 26.Qxf7+ (26.Qxh7+ Kf8±) 26...Kh8 27.Qf5 b4+ 28.Nb5 Ne5+ 29.dxe5 Qxb5+ 30.Kc2 Qc4+ 31.Kb1 Qxh4 32.Nf7+ (32.exd6? e2+-) 32...Kg8 33.Nxd6+-]

26.Kc2 Qc4 0.01/21

[26...Rc8 27.a3 Nc6 28.Qxh7+ (28.Qxf7+? Kh8+-) 28...Kf8 29.Nxf7±]

[26...Nc6+- -2.10/23 27.Qxh7+ (27.Qxf7+? Kh8+-) 27...Kf8 28.Qh8+ Ke7 29.Qxg7 Qc4]

27.d5→ White has some attack. Really sharp! **27...Qc7 5.50/22** White now steadily converts the win.

[27...Qf4= -0.01/23 and Black is okay. 28.Qxh7+ Kf8 29.Ne6+ Rxe6 30.Qxg7+ Ke7 31.dxe6 Qf5+ 32.Kc1 Nc6]

28.Qxh7+- Kf8 29.Qh8+ Deflection

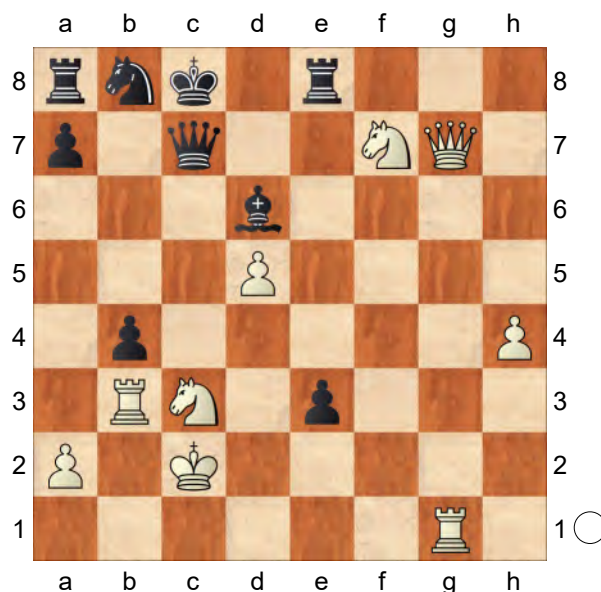
29...Ke7 30.Qxg7 Kd8 7.42/22

[30...bxc3 gets mated. 31.Qxf7+ Kd8 32.Ne6+ Rxe6 33.Rg8+]

[30...Qd7 4.05/22 31.Rf1 Kd8 32.Rxf7 Be7 33.Rxb4 Bxb4 34.Rxd7+ Nxd7 35.Ne6+ Kc8]

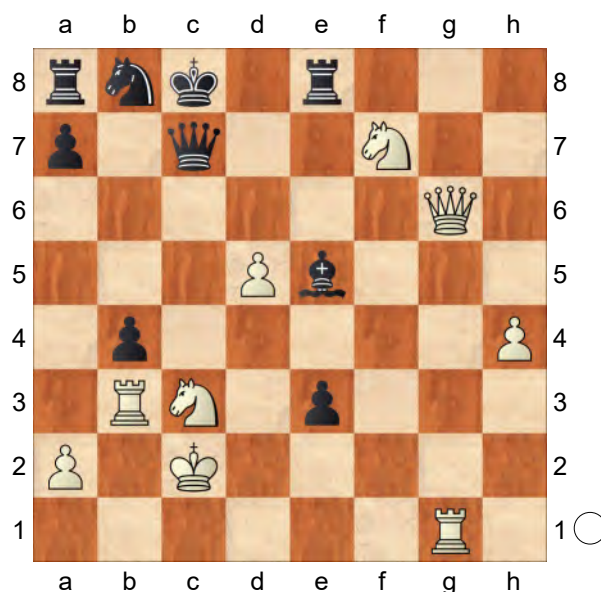
31.Nxf7+ Kc8

(Diagram)



32.Qg4+? 2.10/22

[32.Qg6! 6.54/22 Be5 (32...Bf8 33.Nd6+)



33.Nd6+! Qxd6 34.Qxe8+ Kb7 35.Rg6!]

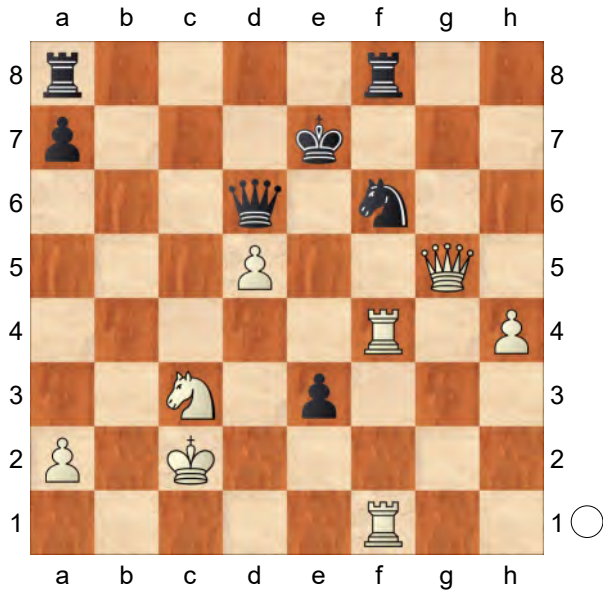
32...Nd7 33.Nxd6+ Qxd6 34.Rxb4 Threatens to win with Nc3-b5. **34...Kd8**

35.Qg5+ Nf6? 6.68/21

[35...Qe7 1.94/20 36.Qxe7+ Kxe7 37.Re4+ Kf7 38.Rf4+ Ke7]

36.Rf4 Rf8 37.Rgf1 Ke7

(Diagram)



38.Rxf6! Rxf6

[38...Qxf6 39.Rxf6]

39.Qg7+ Deflection 39...Ke8 40.Rxf6
Qh2+ 41.Kd3 Qd2+ 42.Kc4 Rc8+
43.Rc6 Rxc6+ 44.dxc6 Intending Qg7-
g8+ and mate. 44...Qd6 45.Qd7+
23.22/27

[45.Qg8+ #11/20 Qf8 46.Qxf8+
 Kxf8 47.c7 Ke7 48.c8Q e2 49.Nd5+
 Kf7 50.Qf5+ Kg8 51.Ne7+ Kg7
 52.h5 a6 53.h6+ Kh8 54.Qf6+ Kh7
 55.Qg7#]

45...Qxd7 46.cxd7+ Kxd7 47.Kd3
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/
 Black=1.28

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Simons, Arthur

London

C64

1850

[Mon Hokmome]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.c3 Nge7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb6 8.Nc3N -0.02/20

[8.d5!± 0.80/19 Nb8 9.d6 (9.Bg5 f6 10.d6 cxd6 11.Bf4 a6 12.Bc4+ d5 13.Bxd5+ Kh8 14.Bd6 Bc7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nh4 Nc6 17.f4 Qc5+ 18.Kh1 Ne7 19.Nc3 d6 20.f5 Ba5 21.Rc1 Qe3 22.Rf3 Qg5 23.Rh3 Bxc3 Bird, H-Steinitz,W London 1866 Short games [Franco Pezzi] 1-0) 9...cxd6 10.Qxd6 (10.Bf4 Bc7 11.Nc3 a6 12.Bc4 b5 13.Bb3 Bb7 14.Bxd6 Bxd6 15.Qxd6 h6 16.Rad1 Nc8 17.Qf4 Nb6 18.Ne5 Qf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Ng4 Kg7 21.Nxf6 Bc6 22.e5 a5 23.Rd3 Rh8 24.Ncd5 Nc4 Scharf,N-Hernandez Roman München 1922 200 Traps In The Opening [Teichmann, FS97/12E p486] 0-1 25.Bxc4 bxc4 26.Rg3+ Kf8 27.Nb6 Ra7 28.Rd1 Bb5 29.Rd4 Rc7 30.Rgg4 1-0 (30) N,N-Stefansson,H Pori 1857 GER 11 [Kosten & Melchor]) 10...Bc7 11.Qd3 (11.Qc5 d6 12.Qh5 Nd7 13.Bxd7 Bxd7 14.Nc3 Rc8 15.Bg5 f6 16.Be3 a6 17.Nd4 Qe8 18.Qxe8 Rfxe8 19.Rad1 Kf7 20.Rfe1 Ba5 21.Nde2 Rc6 22.Rd3 Be6 23.Nd4 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Rc4 25.f3 Rec8 Lasker,E-Bowers,O USA Philadelphia, PA, Contine 1892 [Fritz 5.00 (5s)] ½-½ (46)) 11...d5 12.Nc3 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Nbc6 14.Rd1 Qe8 15.Ng5 Bf5

16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qh4 Nd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Be3 Qb5 20.Bd4 Rfe8 21.Nf3 f6 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qxf6 Dashkevich,V-7.Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8.Ne2 USSR corres 1847 CBM 089 ext [Dragan Solak] ½-½ (49)]

8...d6 0.38/18

[8...d5= -0.02/20 feels stronger.]

9.Bg5 -0.20/21

[9.d5± 0.38/18 Ne5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Be3]

9...Bg4= The position is equal. 10.Bxc6 -0.50/21

[10.Nd5= -0.12/21 f6 11.Be3 (11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Be3 d5±)]

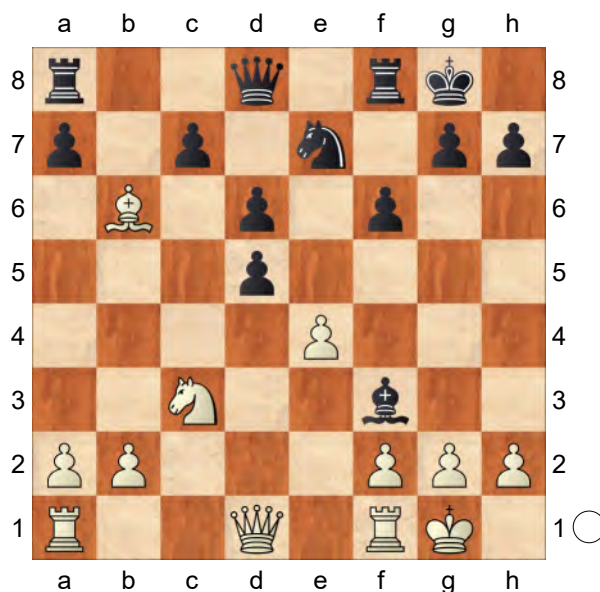
10...bxc6± 11.d5 f6 12.Be3 cxd5 0.10/21

[12...Bxe3± -0.52/21 13.fxe3 Rb8]

13.Bxb6

[13.exd5 seems wilder. Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qb8 15.b3]

13...Bxf3

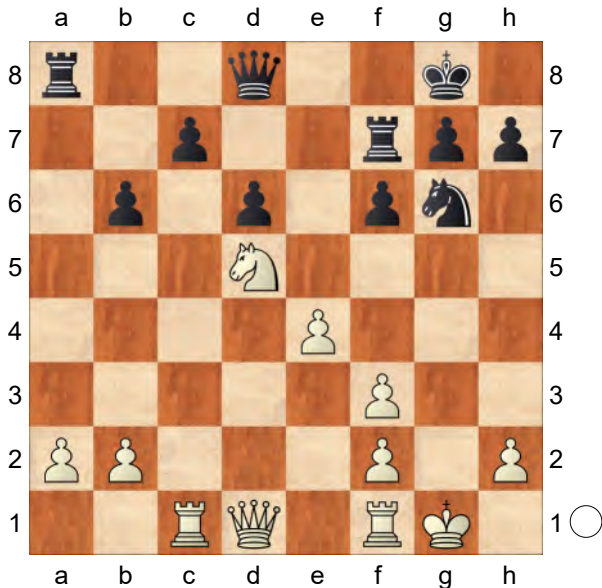


14.gxf3 -0.79/21

[14.Bxc7!= 0.27/21 Bxd1 15.Bxd8 Rfxd8 16.Raxd1 (16.Rfxd1 dxe4 17.Nxe4 d5=)]

14...axb6± 15.Nxd5 Ng6 Prevents Nd5-f4. 16.Rc1 Rf7 1.15/24

[16...c5± -0.74/20 and life is bright.]



17.Nxc7! &Bianco is more active.

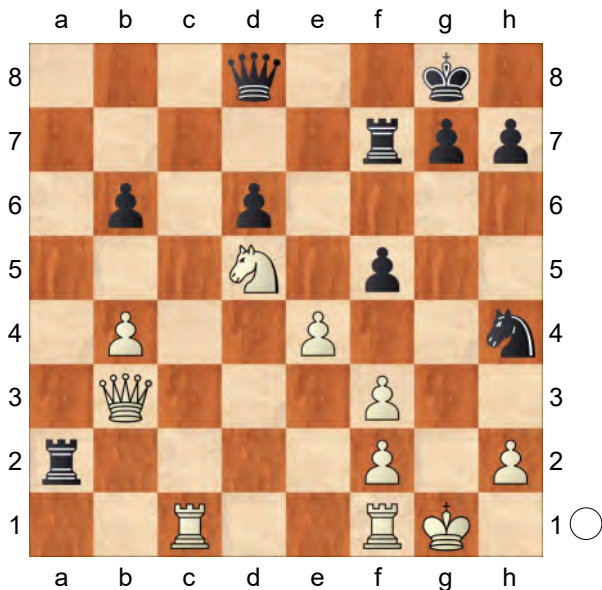
17...Ra5

[17...Rxc7? 18.Rxc7 Kh8
19.Qd5!+-]

18.Nd5 0.47/20

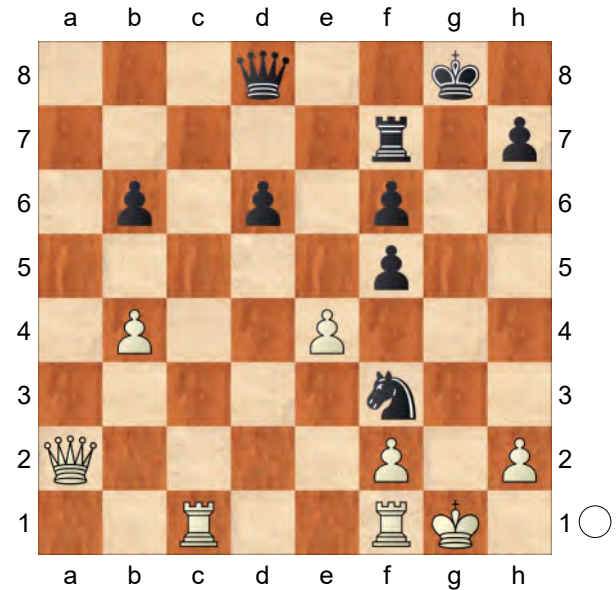
[18.Qb3± 1.08/23]

18...f5± 19.b4 Rxa2 20.Qb3 Nh4?
7.55/26



21.Nf6+ 3.05/23 gxf6 22.Qxa2 Nxf3+

(Diagram)



23.Kh1! fxe4 24.Qe6 And now Rc1-c8
would win. 24...Qe7 4.60/23

[24...Qd7 2.97/23 25.Qxe4 Qb7
26.Qxb7 Rxb7]

25.Rc8+? 1.25/21

[25.Qg4+- 4.60/23 is the precise
move to win. Ng5 26.h4]

25...Kg7± 26.Qg4+ White has strong
compensation.

[26.Qh3?! Qe5±]

26...Kh6 27.Rg8 0.48/24

[27.Qf4+± 1.33/23 Kh5 28.Qf5+ Kh6
29.Qf4+ (29.Qh3+ Kg7±) 29...Kg7
30.Qg3+ Kh6 31.Rd1 (31.Qh3+
Kg7±)]

27...f5!± 28.Qf4+ -0.01/23

[28.Qh3+± 0.44/24 Qh4 29.Qxh4+
Nhx4 30.Rd8]

28...Kh5= 29.Rg3? -1.70/25

[29.Rd1= 0.01/21 and White stays
safe. Qf6 30.Rg3 (30.Qxd6 Qxd6
31.Rxd6 Ra7=)]

29...d5?? 7.42/28

[29...Qh4+- -1.70/25 30.Qxh4+
Kxh4]

30.Rh3+- Nh4 31.Rg1 d4 32.Rhg3?
0.41/25

[Less strong is 32.Qd2 e3 33.Qe2+

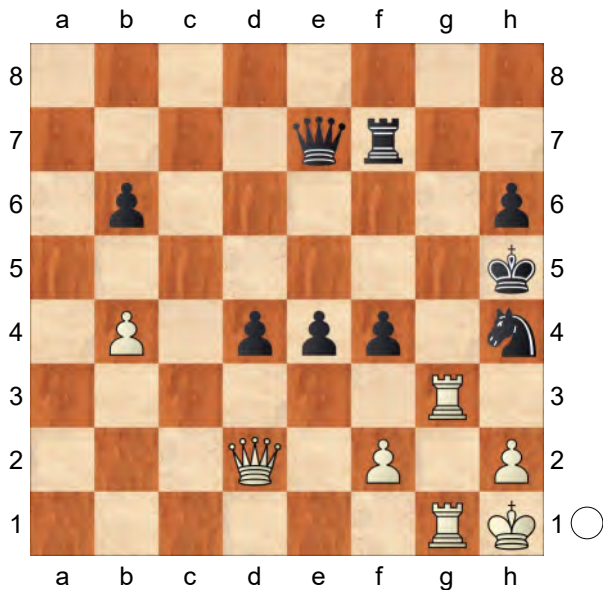
(33.fxe3 Qe4+ 34.Rg2 Rg7±;
 33.Qxd4 exf2 34.Qxf2 Qe4+ 35.Rg2
 Qb1+ 36.Qg1 Qxg1+ 37.Kxg1
 Rd7±) 33...Kh6+-]
 [32.f3+- 7.61/25]

32...h6? 7.04/25

[32...Nf3± 0.41/25]

33.Qd2 Intending Qd2-d1+ and mate.

33...f4



34.Qd1+! f3 **35.Qxd4** Qe6 Prevents
 Qd4-d5+. **36.Qh8?** 1.39/26 Dancing on
 a razor blade.

[36.Rg4+- 3.97/24 and the rest is
 easy. Re7 37.Rf4]

36...Ng2± **37.Qg8** 0.83/22

[37.Qa8 1.34/24]

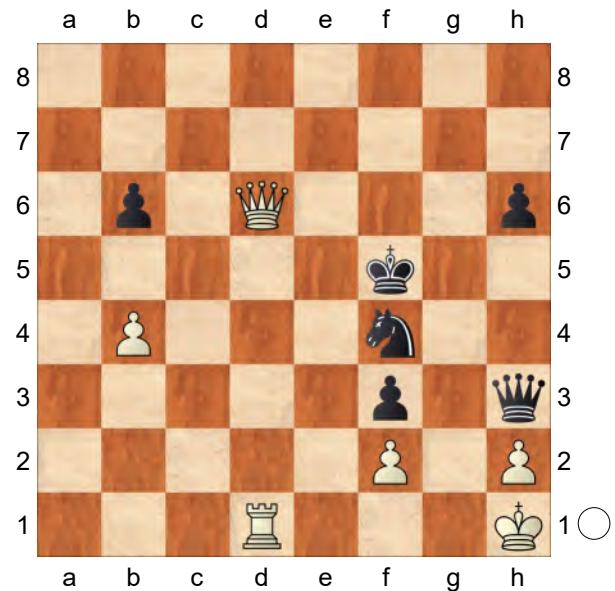
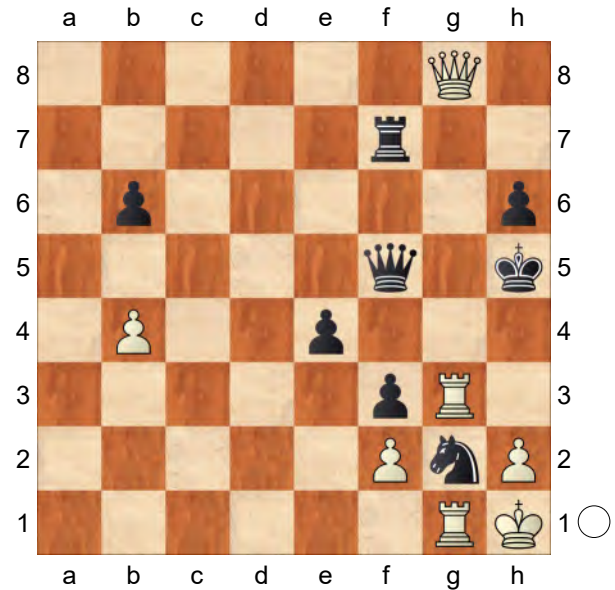
37...Qf5? 9.99/27

[37...Re7± 0.83/22]

(Diagram)

38.Rh3+!+- Qxh3 **39.Qxf7+**
 Endgame KQR-KQN **39...Kg5** **40.Qe7+**
Kg6 **41.Qxe4+** Kf6 **42.Qc6+** Ke5
43.Rd1 Threatening mate with Rd1-d5+.
43...Nf4 Inhibits Rd1-d5+. **44.Qd6+** Kf5

(Diagram)



45.Rd5+! Kg4

[45...Nxd5 46.Qd7+]

46.Qd7+ White mates. **46...Kh4**

47.Qe7+ Kg4 **48.Qg7+** Kh4 **49.Qxh6+**

Nh5 **50.Qg5#** Weighted Error Value:

White=1.09/Black=0.55

1-0

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A03

 **Bird, Henry Edward**
 **Skipworth Arthur**

Horncastle

1880

[Mon Hokmome]

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 Just to be perfectly clear, there is nothing to be learned here. If you wish to click the Continue button then you will not really be missing anything. For those who are up for a little entertainment, read on. There may be a time when you are standing in line at the DMV, or waiting behind someone with a problem at the pharmacy counter. That could be a good opportunity to put this section to use. I was going to tell the story of the best game I did not win here, but after a couple thousand words I decided below, but as I mentioned, there is nothing to be learned here, so it is only there for those who may be curious. Sometimes, something more than simply learning a specific move can be instructive. Sometimes psychology actually can become a weapon. And sometimes Bird's Opening has a major role to play, so it all somewhat ties together. So when you've got a few moments with nothing to do then copy the below link, paste it into your browser's address bar, and enjoy a story that always gives me a bit of a smile when I think of it. [<https://birdsopeningforclubplayers.wordpress.com/2023/08/05/the-best-game-i-did-not-win/>] If you are curious about the game then you can follow it below, though as I mentioned previously, there really is nothing to learn here. **1.f4 e6 2.e3 c5 3.Nf3 a6 4.b3 Nc6 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.Be2 d5 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Na3N**

[8.d3 0-0 9.Qe1 Qe7 10.Qg3 Nh5

11.Qg5 Qxg5 12.Nxg5 Nf6 13.Nf3 Bd7 14.h3 Rad8 15.a4 Bc8 16.Na3 Be7 17.c4 d4 18.Nc2 dxe3 19.Nxe3 Nd4 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Nc2 Bc5 22.b4 Ba7 Postface-Epilogue - The Best Game I Di The Classical Bird for Club Players 2023 (51)]

8...0-0 9.c3 -0.28/20

[9.Ne5 0.03/21 feels stronger.]

9...b6 10.Nc2 Qc7 11.d4 Bb7 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Bd3 f5

[13...Bxe5 14.fxe5 a5 15.Qg4=]

14.Bxe4 fxe4 15.Qg4 Rf5 16.c4 c4xd5 is the strong threat. 16...Raf8 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Rac1 Qe7 19.Rfd1 Bxe5 20.dxe5 d4 21.g3 -1.55/25

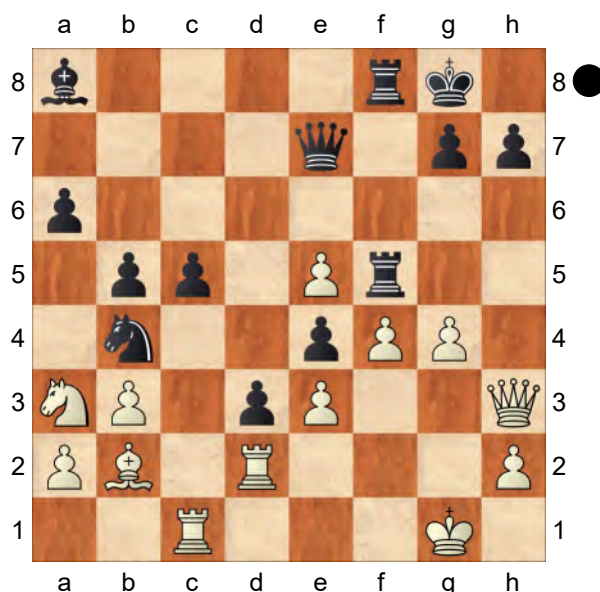
[21.Bxd4 ♗ -0.32/25 cxd4 22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23.Rxd4]

21...d3 ♗ & Nero is more active. 22.Na3 b5 Prevents Na3-c4. 23.Rd2 Nb4 24.Qh3 Ba8 -0.93/20

[24...Nxa2-+ -1.84/22 25.Rf1 Bd5]

25.g4 -2.39/22

[25.Rf1 ♗ -0.93/20]



25...Rxf4!-+ 26.exf4 e3? 0.69/20

[Better is 26...Nd5-+ -2.52/23

White must now prevent ...e4-e3.

27.f5 Qg5]

27.Qxe3± Qb7? 2.36/28

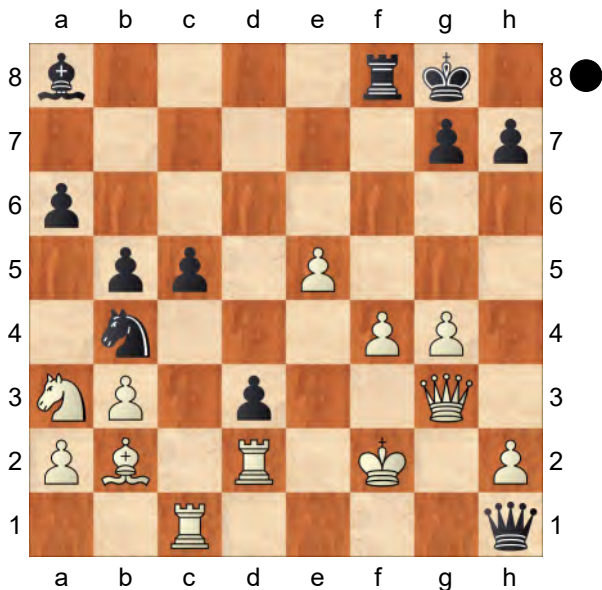
[27...Nd5!= -0.01/27 and Black has nothing to worry. 28.Qg3 (28.Qxc5? Nxf4 29.Kf1 Ne2+-+) 28...Nxf4]

28.Qg3?? -6.59/30

[Inferior is 28.Rxc5 Qh1+ 29.Kf2 Qxh2+ 30.Ke1 Qh1+ 31.Kf2 Qh4+ 32.Kf1 Qh1+ 33.Kf2 Qh4+ 34.Kf1 Qh1+ 35.Kf2=]

[28.Rf1+- 2.36/28 Qh1+ 29.Kf2 Qxh2+ 30.Ke1 Qh4+ 31.Kd1]

28...Qh1+-+ 29.Kf2



Rxf4+!! Deflection 30.Qxf4 Qg2+ 31.Ke1 Qg1+ 32.Qf1 Qe3+ 33.Re2 dxe2 34.Qxe2 Nd3+ 35.Kf1 Qh3+ 36.Kg1 Nf4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.36
0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Taubenhaus, Jean

DSB Kongress-04 Meisterturnier (6)

[Mon Hokmome]

A02

A02: Bird's Opening 1.f4 e6 2.Nf3
Nc6N

[2...Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e4 Nxe4
5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.Ng5 f5 7.d3 exd3
8.Bxd3 Qf6 9.Bd2 Qxb2 10.Rb1 Qf6
11.Rb3 Bd6 12.Bc4 0-0 13.Rh3 h6
14.Bc3 Qe7 15.Nxe6 Bxf4 16.Qe2
Bxe6 17.Bxe6+ Bryntse, A-Appelquist,
O corr 1971 OM Corr 202003 [Pickard,
S.] 1-0 (34)]

[2...b6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0
Nd7 6.d3 Bc5+ 7.e3 h5 8.Qe1 Nh6
9.b4 Be7 10.Bb2 Bf6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6
12.Nbd2 Qe7 13.Nb3 Nf5 14.a4 h4
15.Nxh4 Nxh4 16.gxh4 Ng4 17.h3
Philippe, C (2409)-Neagos, R (2074)

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[ChessBase II] 1-0]

[2...d5 3.d3 (3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bd6
5.d4 Nc6 6.Ne5 Ne7 7.Be3 c6 8.a3
h6 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.c4 b6 11.b4 f6
12.Nxc6 Nxc6 13.cxd5 exd5
14.Bxd5 Bb7 15.Qc2 Rc8 16.Qg6+
Kf8 17.Qf7# 1-0 (17) Reshevsky-
Traube) 3...Nf6 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2 Nc6
6.0-0 Be7 7.Kh1 0-0 8.h3 b5 9.g4
Bb7 10.e3 Qc7 11.Nc3 a6 12.Ne2
Rad8 13.Ng3 e5 14.g5 Ne8 15.Nf5
Bc8 16.N3h4 g6 17.Nxe7+
Claverie, R (2384)-Ojeda, J (2071)

Velez Santander 2023 0-1 (65)]
[2...f5 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Be7 5.e3 c5
6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Qc7 8.0-0 d5
9.Qe2 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Nd1
0-0 12.Nf2 Nd7 13.Nh3 Bf6 14.d4
Rfe8 15.Ne5 cxd4 16.exd4 Nxe5
17.fxe5 Bird, H-Lange, M Nuremberg

1883 Bird-Defence [Oleinikov] 1-0
(40)]

3.e3 b6 4.b3 Bb7 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.Bb5
Ne7 7.0-0 Ng6 8.Nc3 The position is
equal. 8...Be7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Bd3 Ne8
0.24/19

[Δ10...c5 -0.14/20]

11.Ne4 -0.12/19

[Δ11.g3 0.24/19]

11...f5= 12.Neg5 h6

[12...c5 seems wilder. 13.Ba6 Bxa6
14.Qxa6 Bf6]

13.Nh3 Bf6 14.c3 Nd6 15.Rae1 Ne4

16.Bxe4 -0.95/22

[16.Ba6= -0.21/20 Bxa6 17.Qxa6]

16...fxe4? 17.Nd4 e5 -0.49/21

[17...Nh4? -1.08/21]

18.Nf5? Ne7 0.41/22

[18...exf4! -0.65/19 19.exf4 d5]

19.Nxe7+ -0.01/22

[19.Ng3! ± 0.41/22 is superior.]

19...Qxe7= 20.fxe5 -1.14/23

[20.c4= 0.03/21]

20...Bxe5? 21.Nf4 Rf6 Against Nf4-g6

22.Rf2 -1.37/24

[Δ22.Ba1 -0.89/21]

22...Raf8 23.Ref1 d5? 1.85/22

[23...Qd6? -1.26/22 keeps the
pressure on. aiming for ...g7-g5. 24.h4
Rf5]

24.Ng6!+- Rxc6 2.14/22

[24...Qd6± 1.44/20 25.Nxf8 Kxf8
26.Rxf6+ gxf6]

25.Rxf8+ Kh7 26.Qh5 Against Qe7-h4.

And now Bb2-a3! would win. 26...Bc6

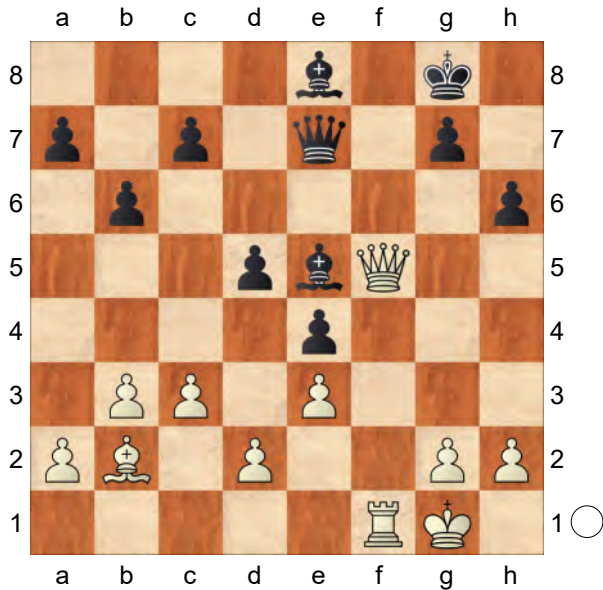
27.Rh8+ 1.36/5 Kxh8± 28.Qxc6 Be8

29.Qf5 Kg8

(Diagram)

Prevents Qf5-f8+. 30.Ba3! c5 31.d4
0.52/20

[White should try 31.Qc8± 1.11/21]



31...exd3!± 32.Qxd3 Bc6 1.01/20

White leaves nothing to chance now.

[32...Bf7!± 0.58/22]

33.g3 0.55/22

[33.Rf2± 1.01/20]

33...Qd6 0.94/22

[33...Qe6± 0.55/22 feels stronger.]

34.Rf2±

[Much worse is 34.Qf5?! Bxg3
35.Qc8+ (35.hxg3 Qxg3+ 36.Kh1
d4+ 37.e4 Qh4+ 38.Kg1 Qg3+
39.Kh1 Qh4+ 40.Kg1 Qg3+
41.Kh1=) 35...Kh7 36.Qf5+ (36.hxg3
Bd7=) 36...Kg8=]

34...Be8 1.60/25

[♞34...Bb7 0.81/21]

35.Rd2 Bf7 36.Bb2 Bxg3? 3.64/24

[36...Qf6± 1.47/23 37.e4 c4 38.bxc4
dxe4 39.Qxe4 Bd6]

37.hxg3+- Qxg3+ 38.Rg2 Qe1+

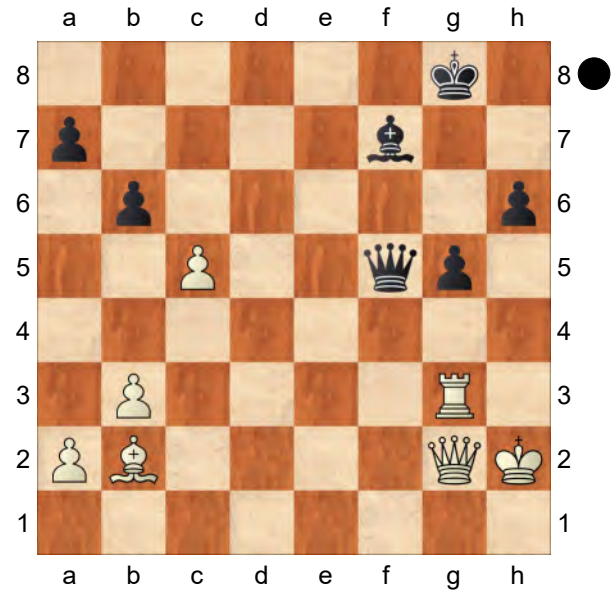
**39.Qf1 Qxe3+ 40.Qf2 Qd3 41.Rg3
Qb1+ 42.Kh2 d4? 6.27/23**

[42...Bg6 2.84/22 43.Rg1 Qe4]

43.Qg2 White is clearly winning. 43...g5

44.cxd4 Qf5 45.dxc5

(Diagram)



White threatens Qg2-a8+ and mate.

45...bxc5 46.Qe2 Kh7 47.Qe3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/
Black=0.53

1-0

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Taubenhaus, Jean

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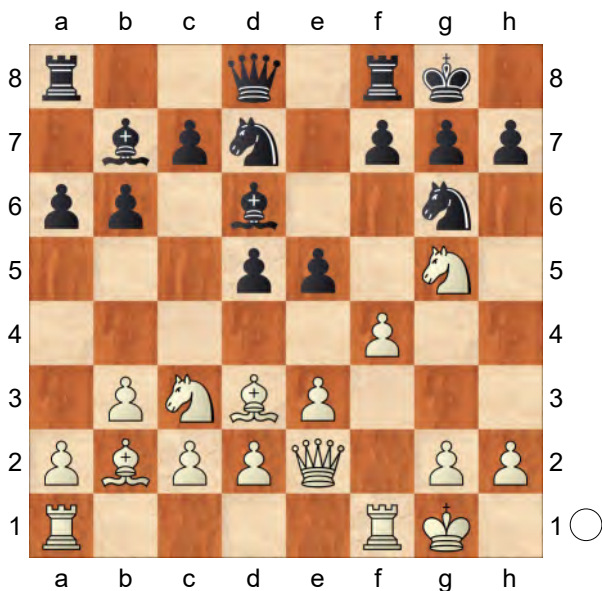
[Mon Hokmome]

A02: Bird's Opening 1.f4 b6 2.Nf3 Bb7 3.e3 e6 4.Be2N

[4.Nc3 d5 5.d4 Nf6 6.a3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Ne4 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Be2 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Rc8 13.c3 Qd7 14.Bd2 c5 15.Rf4 Bg5 16.Rg4 Bh6 17.Rg3 f5 18.exf6 Rxf6 4.Qxd4 side lines-6.0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 - P Game 9 1883 Mega2023 Update 22 [Glatman] 0-1 (51)]

4...d5 5.0-0 Bd6 6.b3 Ne7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 The position is equal. 8...a6 9.Bd3 Nf3-g5 is the strong threat. 9...Nd7 10.Qe2 Ng6 11.Ng5 e5 0.76/25

[11...Nf6= -0.21/19]



12.Bxg6 -0.31/23

[12.Qh5 Nf6 13.Qh3 Bc8]

[12.fxe5!± 0.76/25 Threatens to win with Qe2-h5. Ndxe5 13.Qh5]

A02

12...hxxg6 13.Qg4 -0.33/22

[13.Qe1= 0.01/25 should be considered. Nf6 14.Ne2 exf4 15.Qh4]

13...Be7! 14.Ne6 -0.70/23 fxe6

15.Qxe6+ Kh7! 16.fxe5 -1.89/22

[16.Qh3+ 0.52/25 Kg8 17.Qe6+ Rf7 18.fxe5]

16...Nc5 -0.63/24

[Black should play 16...Bg5!+-1.89/22 17.Ba3 c5]

17.Qh3+ Kg8 aiming for ...Qd8-d7.

18.d4 Bc8 -0.37/19 19.Qg3 -1.22/23

[19.Rxf8+! 0.37/19 Qxf8 20.Qg3]

19...Ne6

[Don't take 19...Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Bf5 21.dxc5]

20.Qxg6 c6 -0.06/21

[20...Bg5 0.13/23 21.Rxf8+ Nxf8]

21.Rxf8+! Remove Defender 21...Bxf8

[Don't play 21...Qxf8 22.Rf1 Qd8 23.Qf7+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Qf7+ (25.h4 Bxh4 26.Qf7+ Kh8=) 25...Kh8 26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.e4 (27.h4 Bxh4 28.Qf7+ Kh8=)]

22.Rf1 Qe7 Inhibits Qg6-f7+. 23.e4 Nxd4 Strongly threatening ...Bc8-e6.

24.exd5 -0.38/26

[24.Nd1= 0.01/23 Ne6 25.exd5 cxd5 26.Ne3]

(Diagram)

24...Bf5! The board is on fire. 25.Rxf5 Nxf5 26.Ne4? -3.57/25

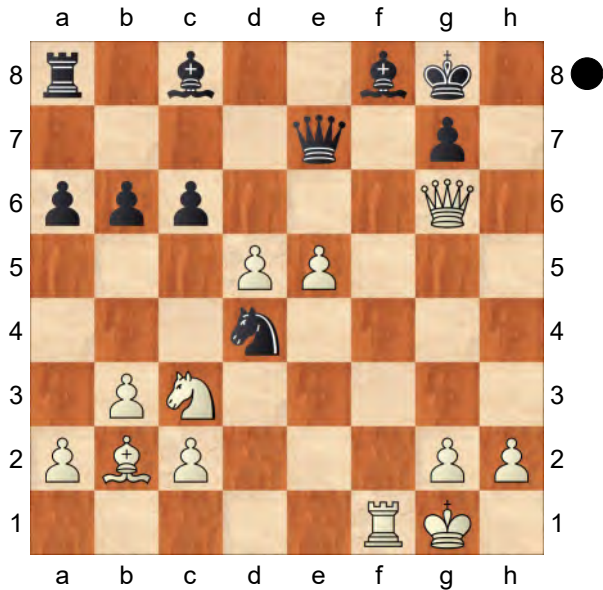
[26.Qxf5= -0.29/23 and White is okay. cxd5 27.b4]

26...Qh4+ 27.Nf6+? -5.62/26

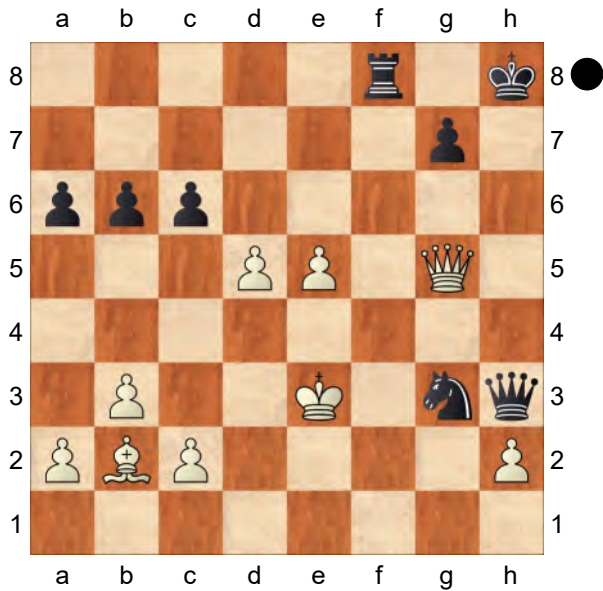
[27.Qe6+ -3.30/25 Kh8 28.Qxf5 Qe1+ 29.Qf1 Qxe4 30.d6]

27...Kh8 28.g3 Qh3 (→ ...Bf8-c5+)

29.Ng4 -23.94/25



[Δ 29.d6 -4.30/21 gxf6 30.exf6]
29...Bc5+ 30.Nf2 Bxf2+ -14.78/5
 [Δ 30...Rf8 -#12/22 31.Qg5 Bxf2+
 32.Kxf2 Nxg3+ 33.Ke3



Ne4+! 34.Qg3 Nxg3 35.Bc1 Ne4+!
 36.Kxe4 Qf3+ 37.Kd4 c5+ 38.Kc4
 Qe4+ 39.Kc3 Qd4#]
31.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 32.Kf3 Rf8 Weighted
 Error Value: White=0.92/Black=0.53
 0-1

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Teichmann, Richard

Hastings International Masters (18)

[Mon Hokmome]

A03

A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5 1.f4 d5
2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3

[4.Be2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.Qe1 c5
7.d3 Nc6 8.Bd1 Re8 9.Qg3 e5
10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.fxe5 Rxe5 12.e4
Re8 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Qf3 Bf5
15.c3 Nf6 16.Bc2 c4 17.Qxb7 cxd3
18.Bb3 Re7 11.g4 Kh8 12.Be3 (2520)-
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0-1]

4...Nf6 5.d4N

[5.b3 0-0 6.Bb2 c5 7.d4 Nc6 8.Bb5
cxd4 9.exd4 Qb6 10.Bxc6 Qxc6
11.Ne5 Qc7 12.Qf3 Bf5 13.0-0 Qa5
14.Rac1 Rac8 15.a3 Ne4 16.b4
Qd8 17.Nb1 Nd6 18.Qxd5 Bxc2
19.Nd2 Bf5 8.Nd4 Qc7 9.Re1_64762
(1967)-Korshunov, S (2305) Plovdiv
2014 CBM 91-C47 [Dragan Solak]
0-1 (35)]

5...b6 6.Ne5 Bb7 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.Bb5
The position is equal. 8...0-0 9.0-0 Nb8
10.Bd2 a6 11.Be2 c5 12.Be1 Nc6
13.Bh4 e6 14.Ng4 cxd4 15.exd4 Nb8
16.Qe1 Nbd7 17.Bd3 Qc7 18.Ne5
Rac8 19.Rd1 b5 20.Ne2 -0.37/23

[20.a4= 0.06/22 feels stronger.]

20...Ne4 21.Ng3 f5

[Don't do 21...Bxe5 22.fxe5 f5
23.exf6±]

22.c3 Nxe5 23.fxe5 Bh6 & Nero is
more active. 24.Nxe4 -1.16/26

[24.Nh1♞ -0.57/24]

24...dxe4♞

[Reject 24...fxe4?! 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8
26.Be2=]

25.Bc2 Bd5 26.Bb3 g5! 27.Bf2 Qf7
-0.85/22

[♞27...f4 -1.19/23 28.Bxd5 exd5]

28.Qe2 Qg6 29.h3 -1.23/23

[White should play 29.Rde1!♞ -0.70/22]

29...Rc7 -0.87/21

[♞29...f4 -1.23/23 White must now
prevent ...f4-f3. 30.Be1 f3 31.gxf3
exf3]

30.g3 -1.46/21

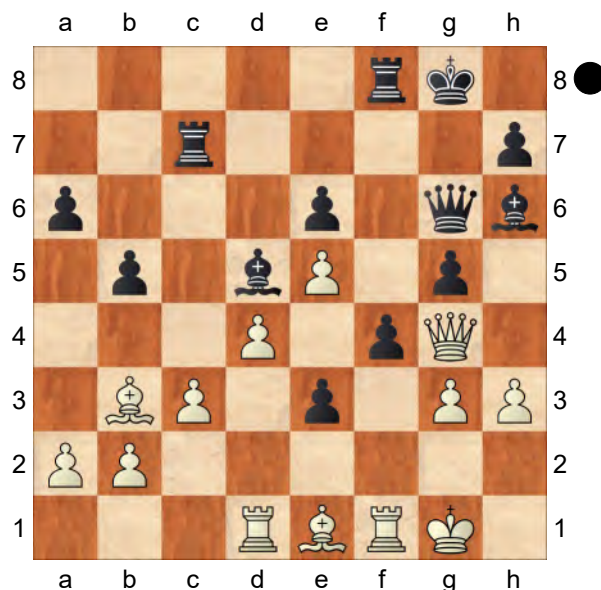
[♞30.Be1 -0.87/21]

30...f4 31.Qg4 -2.46/24

[31.g4♞ -1.49/21 keeps fighting.]

31...e3+- 32.Be1? -5.20/24

[32.Bxe3 -2.14/24 is more resistant.
Bxb3 33.axb3 fxe3 34.Rxf8+ Kxf8
35.Qf3+ Rf7 36.Qxe3]



32...Rc4! 33.Kh2 Qe4 34.Rg1
Prevents Qe4-g2+. 34...f3 aiming for ...
f3-f2.

[Not 34...e2 35.Ra1♞]

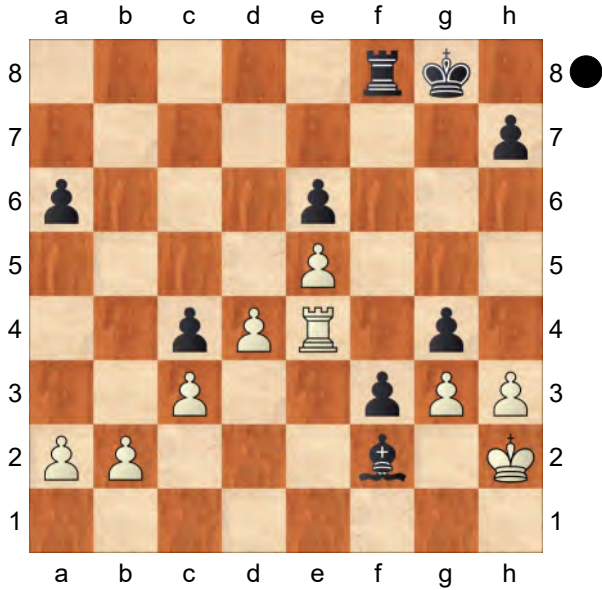
35.Qxe4 Bxe4 36.Bxc4 -4.55/27

[♞36.Bd2 -3.21/25 exd2 37.g4]

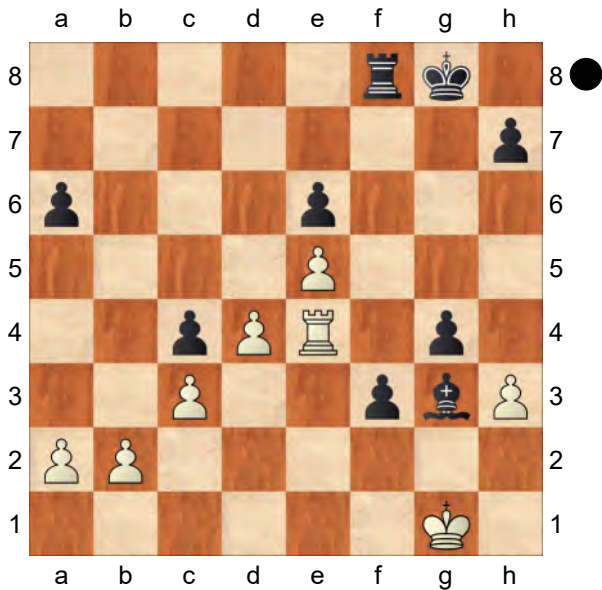
36...bxc4 37.Bf2 exf2 38.Rgf1 g4
39.Rxf2 Be3 This bishop pair is nice.

40.Re1 Bxf2 41.Rxe4

(Diagram)



Bxg3+! KRB-KR 42.Kg1
[42.Kxg3 f2]



42...Bh2+! 43.Kf1

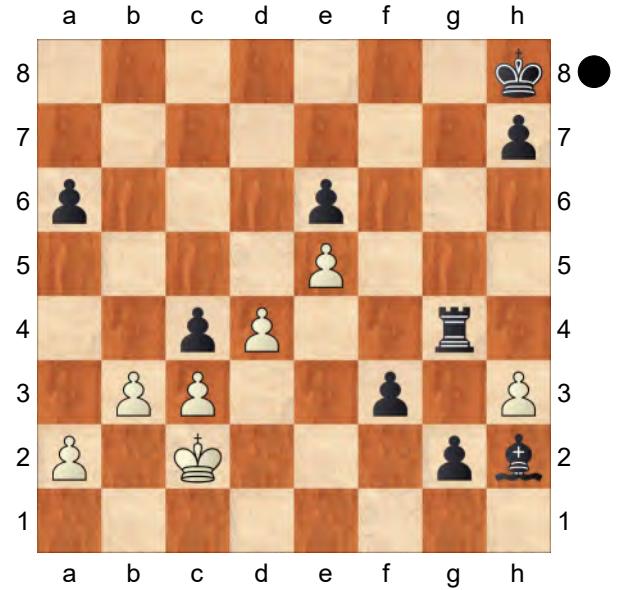
[43.Kxh2 g3+]

43...g3 44.Rg4+ Kh8 45.b3 g2+
-14.83/21

[45...Rg8 **-#10/19** 46.Ke1 g2
47.Kd2 Rxc4 48.Kc2

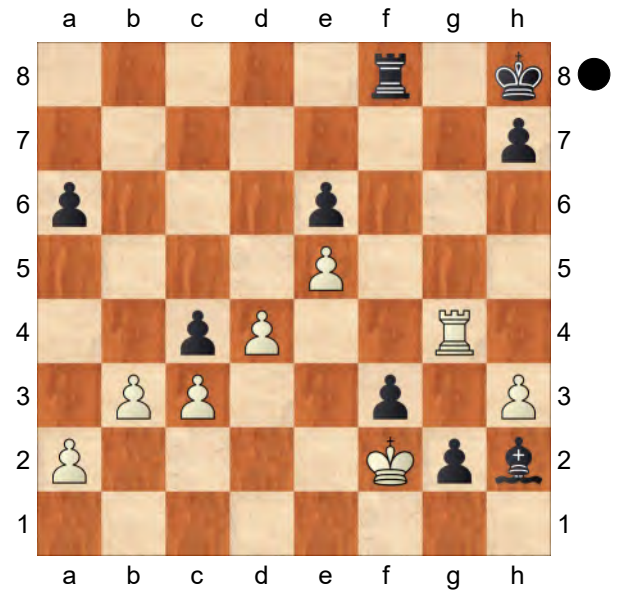
(Diagram)

g1Q! 49.Kb2 Qa1+!! 50.Ka3 Qxc3!



51.hxg4 a5 52.g5 cxb3 53.g6 b2+
54.Ka4 Qb4#]

46.Kf2



Bg1+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.
49/Black=0.29 (precise)

0-1

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C33

□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Weiss, Miksa

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1888

[Mon Hokmome]

C33: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nc3 and 3 Bc4 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Be2 f5 4.e5 d6 5.Nf3 dxe5 6.Nxe5 Qh4+ 7.Kf1 Bd6

[Of course not 7...Bc5 8.d4 Bd6 9.Nd2=]

8.Nf3 Black is better. 8...Qf6

[8...Qe7 feels hotter. 9.Kf2 Nf6 10.Re1 Be6]

9.d4 Ne7 10.c4 And now c4-c5 would win. 10...c6 11.Nc3N

[11.c5 Bc7 12.Nc3 Be6 13.h4 Nd7 14.Qa4 h6 15.Bd2 g5 16.d5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Bc3 Ne5 19.Qd4 0-0-0 20.Qa4 Kb8 21.Rh3 g4 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Bxe5+ Qxe5 24.Ra3 Bxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Qxe2+ 6.Na3-2. Noteboom 5.a4 Bb4 – 6th Korinthos 1986 200 Traps In The Opening [Siaperas] 0-1]

11...Nd7 12.Bd2 -1.01/19

[12.h4f -0.49/17]

12...Qh6 0.01/21

[Black should play 12...g5f -1.01/19 White must now prevent ...g5-g4. 13.h3 h5]

13.c5= Bc7 14.Qb3 Nf6 15.Bc4 Ne4

16.Re1! Nxd2+ 17.Nxd2 Kd8? 1.64/21

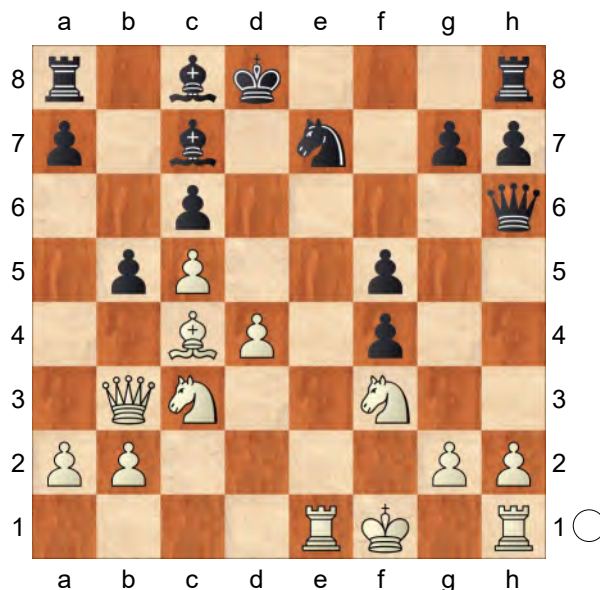
Black cannot hold the game after this.

[17...b5= -0.01/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 18.Be6 (18.Bg8 Qf6=) 18...b4]

18.Nf3+- Strongly threatening d4-d5.

18...b5 2.16/20

[18...Bd7± 1.41/20 19.Qxb7 Rb8 20.Qxa7 Nc8]



27.cxd6 cxb2]
26.Qxd7+ Kb7 27.Rd6! Qh5
aiming for ...Qh5-e8. **28.Qxc6+ Kc8**
29.Qa6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.
23 (precise) /Black=0.91
1-0

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Wisker, John

Match Bird-Wisker (2) +6-4=2 (1) 1873
[Mon Hokmome]

C86: Closed Ruy Lopez: Worrall Attack
1.e4 1)DSZ 1873, S.112, 181-182, 235-239 2)Westminster Chess Papers vol.6, p.10,55 3)De Felice: Chess results 1447-1900.p.58. **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 Be7 6.0-0 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 0.34/17**

[8...Bg4= -0.01/20]

[8...Bd7 9.c3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.axb5 axb5 12.d4 Qb8 13.Rd1 0-0 14.Bg5 Bg4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nbd2 Rd8 17.Nf1 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 h6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Ne3 Be6 21.Nd5 Bd8 22.Qe3 Nb7 23.b3 Dauvergne,D (2655)-Dezan,A (2535) corr Germany 1998 Telechess CBM 165 [Weekly Irish Times 20/2/1909; Harding] 1-0 (37)]

[8...b4 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc4 Bb7 11.Bd3 c5 12.b3 0-0 13.Ra2 Nh5 14.g3 Bc8 15.Kh2 Qd7 16.Ng1 g6 17.Bc4 Nxc4 18.bxc4 f5 19.exf5 Qxf5 20.g4 Qf4+ 21.Kg2 Bb7+ 22.f3 Ng3 23.d3 Bxc3 lii (2207)-Williamson, D Budapest 2022 CBM 053 ext [John Watson] 0-1]

9.axb5± axb5 10.d3N

[10.c3 Bg4 11.Rd1 0-0 12.d4 Ra8 13.Rxa8 Qxa8 14.d5 Na5 15.Bc2 c6 16.Na3 Rb8 17.b4 Nc4 18.Nxc4 bxc4 19.h3 Bd7 20.Bg5 Qa6 21.dxc6 Qxc6 22.Ra1 h6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Nd2 Be6 Schmidt,G-Grotnes, N St Petersburg 1926 200 Traps In The Opening [Schlosser,Michael] ½-½ (43)]

10...Bg4 11.c3 Prevents Nc6-d4. White

C86

is slightly better. **11...0-0 12.h3 Bh5 0.66/22**

[12...Be6 0.35/19 is more appropriate. 13.Bxe6 fxe6]

13.g4 &Bianco is more active. 13...Bg6 14.Nh4 Qd7 15.f4 exf4! 16.Bxf4 Ne5 17.Nd2 c5! 18.Bxe5 -0.26/25

[18.Bc2± 0.52/20]

18...dxe5= 19.Ndf3 Qc7 0.16/21

[19...c4! -0.28/22 feels stronger. 20.Nxg6 (20.dxc4 Bxe4 21.Rfd1 Bc5+ 22.Kf1 Qc6±; 20.Nxe5 Qc7±) 20...hxg6 21.dxc4 (21.Nxe5 Qd6±) 21...b4]

20.Rf2? -1.57/22

[20.Nxg6= 0.16/21 hxg6 21.Bd5]

20...c4!± 21.Nxg6 hxg6 22.dxc4 bxc4 -1.18/25

[22...Bc5+ -1.96/24 And now ...b5-b4 would win. 23.cxb5 Bxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Qc5+ 25.Kf1 Qxb5 26.Qxb5 Rxb5]

23.Bxc4 Bc5 24.Raf1 -1.63/23

[24.Ng5± -1.03/23]

24...Qb7!-+

[Worse is 24...Bxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Rxb2 26.Qxb2±]

25.b4 -2.54/25

[25.Ng5 -1.84/25 was necessary. Qxb2 26.Qxb2 Rxb2 27.Kg2 Bxf2 28.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 29.Kxf2]

25...Bxf2+ 26.Qxf2 Nxe4

[26...Qxe4 27.Bxf7+ Rxf7 28.Ng5±]

27.Qh4 -3.65/23

[27.Qe3 -2.12/23]

27...Qb6+ 28.Kg2 Qf6 -1.28/25

[28...Rbd8+ -2.56/21 29.Qe1 Qb7]

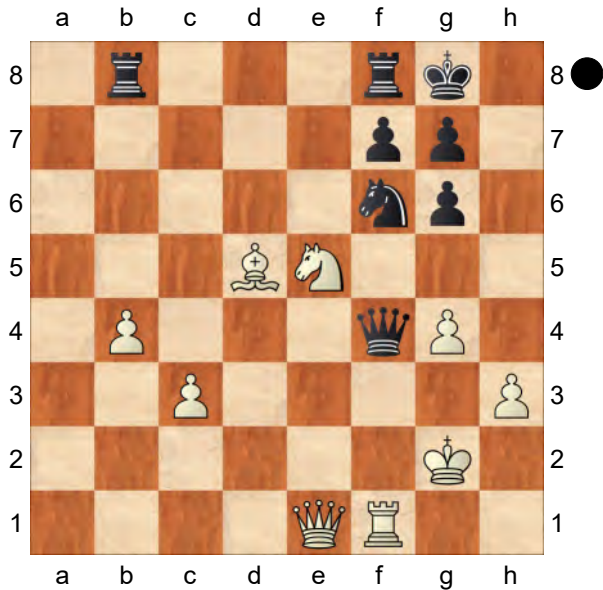
29.Qe1 Qf4 -0.33/25

[29...Nd6!± -1.44/24 30.Nxe5 Qe7 31.Nxg6 Qg5 32.Nxf8 Nxc4]

30.Bd5± Nf6 31.Nxe5 -0.66/24

[31.Bxf7+= -0.04/26 Rxf7 32.Nxe5]

(Diagram)

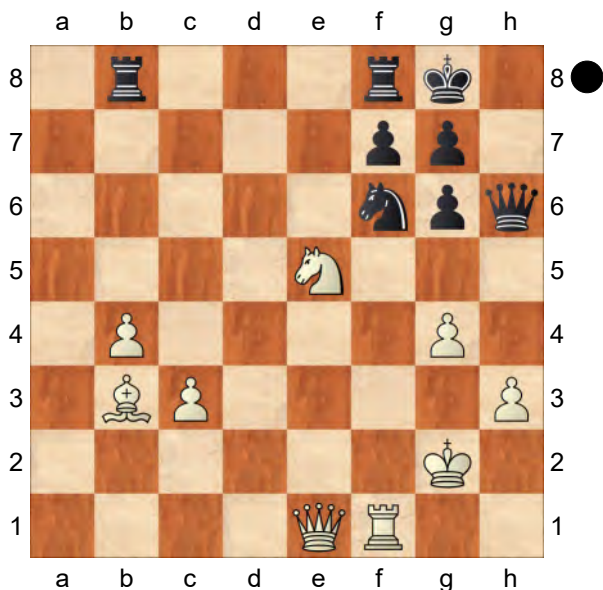


31...Qh6 -0.11/24

[31...Nxd5!± -0.66/24 32.Rxf4 Nxf4+ 33.Kf3 g5]

32.Bb3 -0.81/24

[32.Bxf7+= -0.11/24 Rxf7 33.Nxf7 Kxf7 34.Qe5]



32...Rbd8 0.01/23

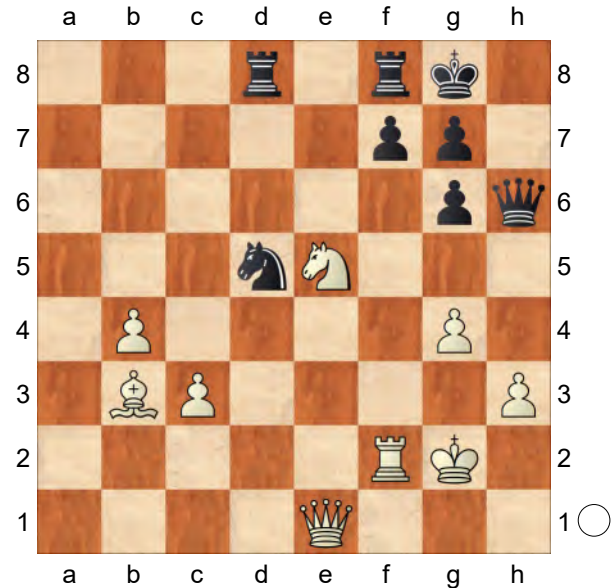
[32...Rbe8!± -0.81/24 Threatens to win with ... Qh6-g5. 33.Rf2 Qg5 34.Nxf7 Rxf7]

33.Rf2 -0.49/24

[White should play 33.h4= 0.01/23]

33...Nd5 0.79/25

[33...Qg5± -0.49/24 keeps the upper hand.]



34.Qe4!± Nxc3 1.73/23

[34...Nf6± 1.12/24 35.Qb7 Rd2 36.Bxf7+ Kh7 37.Bxg6+ Kg8 38.Bf7+ Kh7]

35.Qxg6? -0.73/24 The board is on fire.

[35.Qf3+- 1.73/23 Rc8 36.h4 (36.Nxf7 Kh7±)]

35...Qxg6± 36.Nxg6 Ne4 37.Rf5± White is fighting back **37...Rd2+ 38.Kf3 Ng6-e7+** would kill now. **38...Rd3+?** 4.71/27

[38...Nd6? gets mated. 39.Ne7+ Kh8 40.Rh5#]

[38...Nf6= 0.00/24 and Black has nothing to worry. 39.Nxf8 Rd3+ 40.Kg2 Rxb3]

39.Kxe4+- White wants to mate with **Ng6-e7+.** **39...Rxb3** #2/6

[39...Rxb3+- 4.42/26 40.Ne7+ Kh8 41.Bxf7 Rd8]

40.Ne7+ Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0. 70

1-0

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B00

□ Blackburne, Joseph Henry

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Match Blackburne-Bird +4-1=0 (5)

[Mon Hokmome]

B00: Queen's Fianchetto Defence, Nimzowitsch Defence 1.e4 e6 2.d4 b6 3.Bd3 Bb7 4.Nh3 Nf6 5.f3 c5 6.c3 cxd4 0.38/22

[6...Be7= -0.05/21 feels stronger.]

7.cxd4± Nc6 8.Be3 White is slightly better. 8...Bb4+ 9.Nd2N

[9.Nc3 d5 10.e5 Nd7 11.f4 Ne7 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Rc8 14.Bd2 g6 15.Rc1 Rc7 16.Qe2 Qc8 17.Rf2 Nb8 18.Qg4 Ba6 19.Bc2 Nbc6 20.Qg5 Nxd4 21.cxd4 0-0 22.Bb4 Nf5 23.Bxf8 Qxf8 4. Noteboom – Main Line-4.Qxd4 side lines Sokhumi 1878 Juniors [Wang,Zili; Zhu,Chen] 1-0]

9...d5 10.e5 Nd7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Rc1 0.57/20 & Bianco is more active.

[White should play 12.a3!± 0.88/21]

12...f5? 2.37/24

[12...Nb4± 0.57/20 13.Bb1 Rc8]

13.f4 0.91/23

[13.Nf4!+- 2.37/24 and White stays clearly on top. Nf8 14.Bb5]

13...Nb4± 14.Bb1 Ba6 15.Rf2 0.80/23

[Better is 15.a3 1.11/24]

15...Rc8 16.Nf3 h6 17.g4 Rxc1

[17...fxg4? 18.Bg6+ Kf8

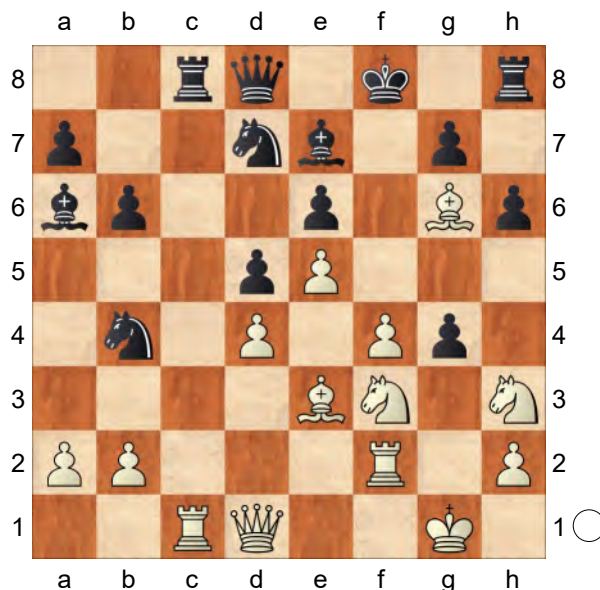
(Diagram)

19.Nfg5! Rxc1 20.Nxe6+ Kg8 21.Bf7+! (21.Qxc1 Qc8±) 21...Kxf7 22.Nxd8+ Rxd8 23.Bxc1+-]

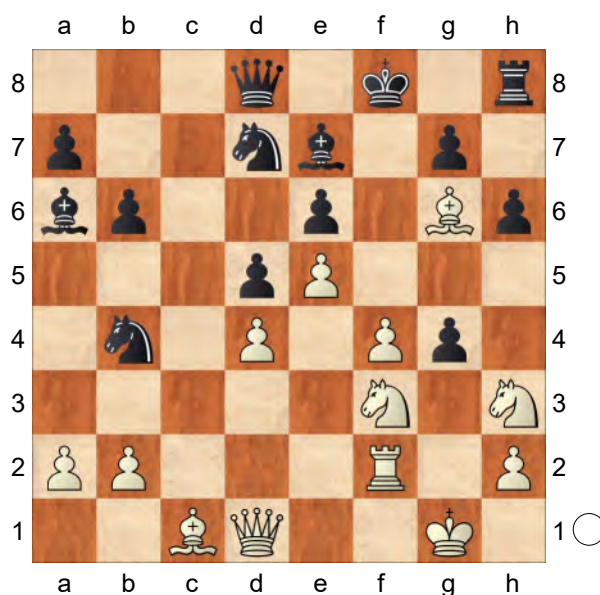
18.Bxc1 fxg4 6.16/24

[18...g6± 0.64/23]

19.Bg6+- White is clearly winning.



19...Kf8



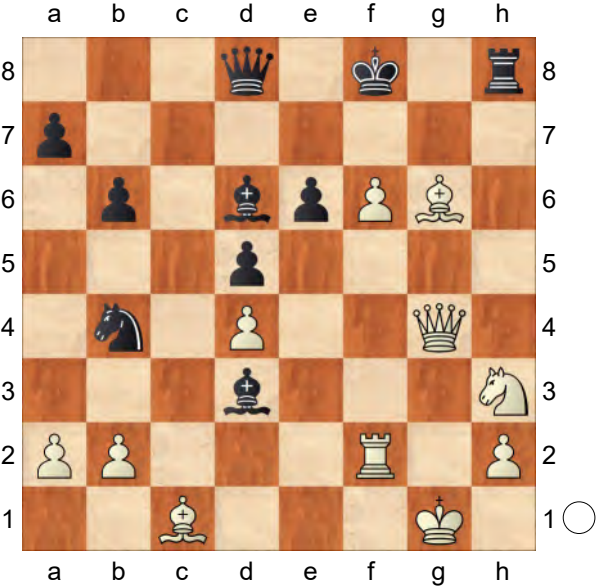
20.Nfg5! Discovered Attack 20...hxg5

[20...Nc5 21.Qxg4]

21.Qxg4 Bd3 22.fxg5+ Discovered Attack 22...Nf6 23.gxf6 gxf6 24.exf6 Bd6

(Diagram)

25.Bf7! Kxf7 26.Qg7+ Skewer 26...Ke8 27.f7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.69 1-0



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□ **Blackburne, Joseph Henry**

■ **Bird, Henry Edward**

Wien International-01 (14) 05.08.1873

[*Mon Hokmome*]

C25: Vienna Game: Alternatives to 2... Nf6 [Vienna Tournament, 1873.]

Schallop, Emil: '057 Wiener Partie . '

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bc5 3.Nf3

[3.f4, or 3.Bc4 and -- 4.f4 is here the preferable course.]

3...d6 4.Bc4 Bg4N

[4...Nf6 5.d3 Nc6 (5...h6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Ne2 Bg4 8.Ng3 Nc6 9.c3 a6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Na5 12.Bb3 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 b6 14.Qc2 c5 15.Rf2 Qd7 16.Raf1 Bxf3 17.Rxf3 Kh8 18.Rxf6 Qe7 19.R6f3 g6 20.Qf2

Blackburne, J-Versteeven, J Rotterdam 1874 1-0) 6.Bg5 Ne7 7.Na4 Ng6 8.Nxc5 dxc5 9.h3 h6 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.Qc3 b6 13.0-0 0-0 14.a4 Rad8 15.a5 Rfe8 16.axb6 axb6 17.Ra7 Qd6 18.Qd2 Nh5 19.Bxh6 Clerc, A-Mason, J Paris 1878 EXT 2019 [Schallop, Emil] 0-1 (73)]

[4...Nc6 5.d3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.a3 h6 8.Be3 Bb6 9.Ne2 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Qf6 12.Nc3 Nce7 13.Qe2 c6 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.d4 d5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.exd5 cxd5 18.Bb3 Nf6 19.Qf2 Clery, N (2327)-Bricard, E (2434) Noyon 2005 CBM 105 Extra [ChessBase II] 0-1 (62)]

5.d3 c6 6.Ne2 Bxf3 7.gxf3 Ne7

8.Ng3 The position is equal. **8...Nd7**

9.Bg5 -0.60/18

[9.c3= -0.09/20]

9...f6 10.Bd2 d5 11.Bb3 a5 -0.10/20

[11...Qb6! -0.68/18 12.0-0 a5]

12.a4 -0.56/19

[12.c3= -0.10/20]

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12...Qb6 -0.25/20

[12...Bd6 -0.56/19]

13.Qe2 -0.77/19

[13.0-0= -0.25/20]

13...g6 -0.29/20

[13...0-0 -0.77/19]

14.f4= Bd4 0.09/20

[14...h5 -0.56/21]

15.0-0 -0.42/21

[White should try 15.fxe5= 0.09/20 fxe5 16.Rb1]

15...h5 -0.01/20

[15...Bxb2 16.Rab1 exf4 17.Bxf4±] [15...Nc5! -0.42/21 should be considered.]

16.Qd1 -0.88/20

[16.Rfb1= -0.01/20]

16...Nc5! - [Well played, giving Black a decided advantage.]

[16...Bxb2?! 17.Rb1 exf4 18.Bxf4=]

17.exd5 -1.60/22

[17.fxe5 -0.78/22 Nxb3 18.cxb3]

17...cxd5 -0.67/22

[17...Nxb3 -1.60/22 18.cxb3 Nxd5]

18.Ba2 - h4 0.52/21

[Very injudicious. If Black had simply played 18...Qxb2 which he played for, it would have secured for him a winning advantage, as White must lose a pawn and the Exchange, or two pawns with a broken-up game]

[18...0-0-0 0.28/21 18...Qb6xb2 -0.61 would also have been good, for if White played 19.c3 -0.41/20 (Better is 19.Ne2= 0.28/21)]

19...Bxf2+! giving up Knight and Bishop for a Rook and two pawns, with a good game.]

[18...Bxb2 19.Rb1±]

[18...Qxb2 -0.65/23 19.Qb1 Nxd3!]

19.Ne2± Bxb2 2.05/23

[19...Ne6± 0.50/22]

20.Rb1+- Qe6 21.f3 0.83/22

Against Qe6-g4+

[If 21.Rxb2 Ne2-c3 is the strong threat. then Qg4+ 22.Ng3 Qxd1 23.Rxd1 hxc3 with a slight advantage for Black.]

[21.Rxb2+- 1.97/23 and White stays clearly on top. Threatens to win with Ne2-c3. Qg4+ 22.Ng3! Qxd1 23.Rxd1 hxc3 24.fxc3]

21...Ba3 1.30/21

[Δ21...Bd4+ 0.83/22 22.Kh1 (22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Rb5 Qd6=) 22...Nf5]

22.d4± White has strong compensation.

[White having escaped his troubles, now plays extremely well.] 22...Nd7 23.Nc3

[23.Rxb7 exd4 24.Nxd4 Bc5±]

23...Nb6 2.09/24

[23...b6? 2.91/23 23...Ba3-b4 1.31 would have been better.]

[23...exd4? 24.Nb5 0-0 25.Nxa3+-]

[23...Bb4± 1.29/21]

24.Nb5 Bd6 Prevents Nb5-c7+. 25.Re1 And now d4xe5 would win. 25...Rh5 1.73/26

[25...Nc4± 1.35/21 26.Bxc4 dxc4 27.fxe5 fxe5]

26.dxe5 fxe5

[26...Bc5+? 27.Be3 Qc6 28.exf6 Bxe3+ 29.Rxe3 Qxf6 30.Nc7+ Kd7 31.Ne6+-]

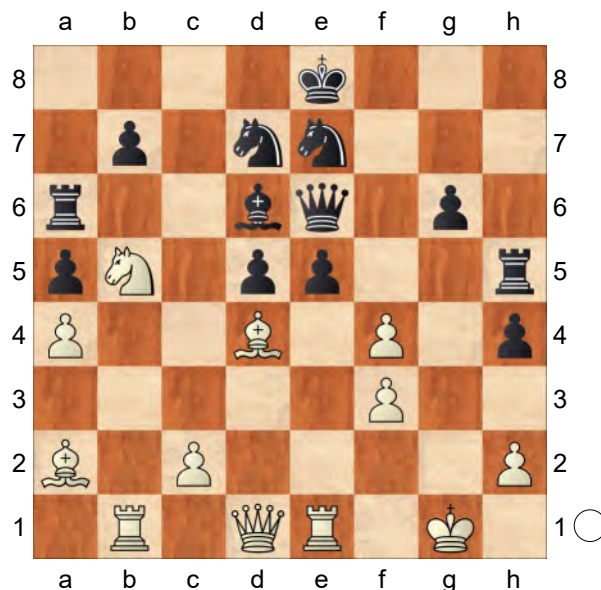
27.Be3↑ Inhibits Bd6-c5. White is in control.

[27.Nxd6+?! Qxd6 28.fxe5 Qc6±]

27...Ra6 28.Bd4 Hoping for Bd4xe5. Pin 28...Nd7 2.73/21

[28...Nxa4? 29.c4 Qd7 30.Nxd6+ (30.Qxa4 exd4 31.cxd5 d3±) 30...Rxd6 31.fxe5 (31.Bxe5 Re6+-)] [28...Kf8± 1.55/21 29.Nxd6 Qxd6]

(Diagram)



29.fxe5!+- Bb8 30.Qe2 Rg5+ 2.98/24

[30...h3 1.86/21 was necessary. 31.Kh1 Rc6]

31.Kh1 Rc6 3.64/24

[Δ31...h3 2.44/22 32.Nd6+ Bxd6 33.exd6 Qxd6]

32.f4 Rg4 [Black's hasty move loses the game.]

[32...Rh5 might possibly have led to a drawn game.]

33.Nd6+ Kf8 34.Rxb7 aiming for c2-c4. Chess con chili. 34...Nf5? 7.86/22

[34...h3 2.60/23 35.Qd1 Rxf4]

35.Nxf5 White is clearly winning.

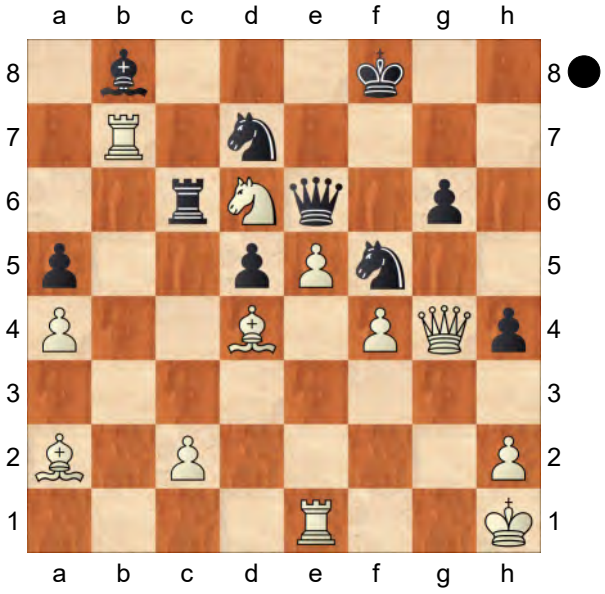
[35.Qxg4?]

(Diagram)

too greedy. Ng3+! 36.Qxg3 (36.hxc3? Qxc3 37.c3 Bxd6+-) 36...hxc3+-]

35...gxf5 36.Qb5 Rg7 37.Bxd5 Lehner, Schwede: Der erste Wiener internationale Schachkongress 1873, p. 147. Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.46

1-0



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□ Blackburne, Joseph Henry

■ Bird, Henry Edward

London

C35

1897

[Mon Hokmome]

C35: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Be7

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Be7 4.h4

[4.Bc4 Bh4+ 5.Kf1 d5 6.Bxd5 Nf6
7.d4 Nxd5 8.exd5 Bg4 9.Qe2+ Qe7
10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Bxf4 Bxf3
12.gxf3 Na6 13.c4 Kd7 14.Nc3 c6
15.dxc6+ bxc6 16.Rg1 g6 17.Rd1
Nc7 18.d5 cxd5 Grzeskowiak,F
(1200)-9.Bf6 Bf6 10.cd5 ed5_6925
(1200) Stockholm 2000 ZUS C73
[Gerhard Müller_3931] 1-0 (36)]

4...d5N

[4...Nf6 5.Nc3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5
7.Ne4 Bg4 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Qe2 Bxh4+
10.Kd1 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Ne3+ 12.Ke2
Nxc4 13.Qxf4 f5 14.Nc5 Qe7+
15.Kd1 Qxc5 16.Qxh4 h6 17.d4
Qd6 18.b3 f4 19.c3 Example 64
Arco 1994 200 Traps In The Opening
[John Watson]]

5.exd5 Bg4

[Much weaker is 5...Qxd5 6.Nc3
Qe6+ 7.Be2=]

6.Be2 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d4 Black is
slightly better. 8...Nh5 -0.32/24

[8...Nxd5 -0.77/21 9.Nxd5 Qxd5]

9.0-0! f Nd7 10.Ne4 -1.31/24

[10.Ng5! -0.36/23 Bxe2 11.Nxe2]

10...h6 -0.42/25

[10...Bxh4 -1.31/24 ...Rf8-e8 is the
strong threat. 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5
Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Ng3 14.Nxg3 Bxg3
15.Bxf4 Bxf4 16.Rxf4 Qxd5]

11.Ne5 -1.20/25

[White should try 11.Nh2 -0.42/25
Bf5 12.Bxh5 Bxe4 13.c4]

11...Bxe2 -0.15/24

[11...Nxe5 -1.20/25 12.Bxg4 Nxg4
13.Qxg4 Qxd5]

12.Qxe2= Ng3

[12...Nxe5 keeps more tension.
13.Qxh5 Ng6 14.Bxf4 Bxh4 15.g3
Nxf4 16.Rxf4 Bg5]

13.Nxg3 fxg3 14.Qg4 -1.05/25

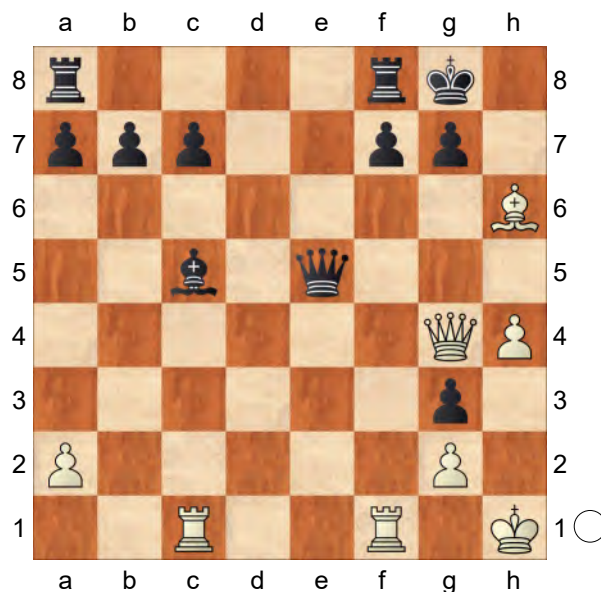
[14.Bxh6= -0.01/23 Bf6 15.Qe4
Bxe5 16.dxe5 gxh6 17.Qg4+ Kh7
18.Qf5+ Kh8 19.Qh5]

14...Nxe5 15.dxe5 And now Bc1xh6
would win. 15...Qxd5 16.Bxh6 Qxe5
17.Rae1 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 Qxb2 19.c3
-1.48/24

[19.Rb1! -0.51/24 Qd4 20.Rf4]

19...Qxc3 20.Rc1 f5

[20...Qe5



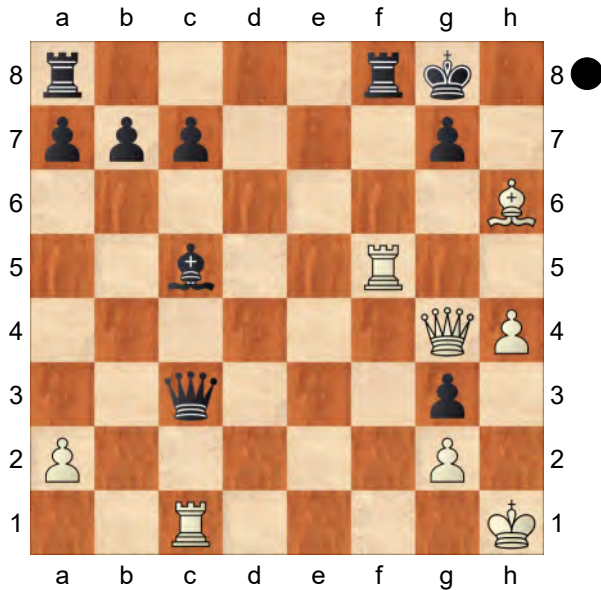
21.Rxc5! f5 22.Qc4+ (22.Rxe5 fxg4
23.Bf4 Rf7+-) 22...Kh7 23.Rxe5
Kxh6 24.Rxf5 Rxf5 25.Rxf5]

21.Rxf5 -4.32/30

[21.Qh5 -1.31/26 Qf6 22.Bxg7
Kxg7 23.Rxc5]

(Diagram)

This costs White the game. 21...Rae8!-+



22.Rxf8+ Bxf8 23.Qd1 Prevents Re8-e1+. **23...Qe5 24.Bd2 b6** Hoping for ... Qe5-d4. **25.Rc3?** -9.43/28

[25.Be1 -3.04/26 Re6 26.Qb3]

25...Bc5 26.Qb3+ Kh8 27.Rxg3 Bd6 28.Qd1 Rf8

[And not 28...Qxg3 29.Qh5+ Kg8 30.Qxe8+ Bf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Qe4♣]

29.Rh3 Rf2 (→ ...Rf2xd2!) 30.Be3 Rxa2 31.Bd4 Against Ra2-a1 **31...Qe2 32.Qxe2 Rxe2 33.g4 Re4 34.Bf2 Rxg4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.48

0-1

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B00

□ Blackburne, Joseph Henry

■ Bird, Henry Edward

London

1887

[Mon Hokmome]

B00: Queen's Fianchetto Defence, Nimzowitsch Defence 1.e4 e6 2.d4 b6 3.Bd3 Bb7 4.Nh3 Nf6 5.f3 c5 6.c3 cxd4 0.57/18

[6...b5= 0.18/18]

7.cxd4± Nc6 8.Be3 White is slightly better. 8...Bb4+ 9.Nd2N 0.43/19

[9.Nc3± 0.75/19 d5 10.e5 Nd7 11.f4 Ne7 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Rc8 14.Bd2 g6 15.Rc1 Rc7 16.Qe2 Qc8 17.Rf2 Nb8 18.Qg4 Ba6 19.Bc2 Nbc6 20.Qg5 Nxd4 21.cxd4 0-0 22.Bb4 Nf5 23.Bxf8 Qxf8 24.Rd2 Noteboom A Main Line-Qxd4 Side Lines Sokhumi 1878 Juniors [Wang, Zili; Zhu, Chen] 1-0]

9...d5 1.10/20

[Black should try 9...Rc8± 0.43/19]

10.e5± Nd7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Rc1 & Bianco is more active. 12...f5 2.23/20

[12...Nb4± 0.90/19 13.Bb1 Nc6]

13.f4 1.22/18

[13.Nf4+- 2.23/20 Nf8 14.Bb5]

13...Nb4 14.Bb1 Ba6 1.73/21

[14...Rc8± 1.10/20 was called for.]

15.Rf2 0.82/21

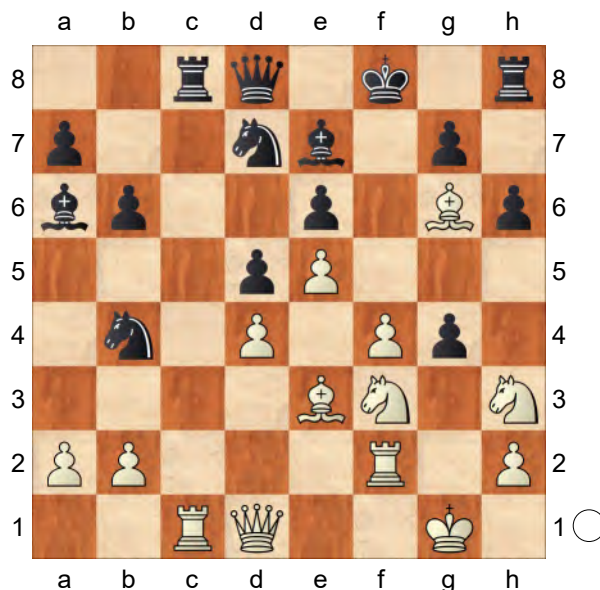
[15.a3!+- 1.73/21 is more deadly.]

15...Rc8 16.Nf3 h6 17.g4 Rxc1

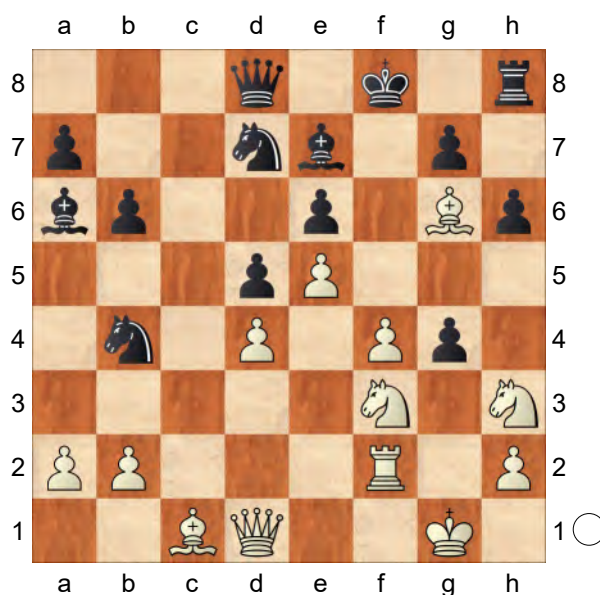
[17...fxg4? 18.Bg6+ Kf8

(Diagram)

19.Nfg5! Rxc1 20.Nxe6+ Kg8
21.Bf7+! (21.Qxc1 Qc8+-) 21...Kxf7
22.Nxd8+ Rxd8 23.Bxc1+-]
18.Bxc1 fxg4 6.75/25
[18...g6± 0.84/20]



19.Bg6+- Kf8



20.Nfg5! White is clearly winning.

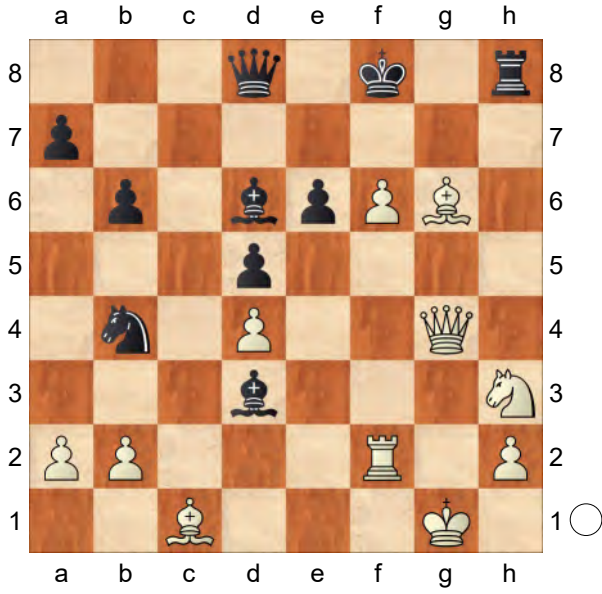
20...hxg5

[20...Nc5 21.Qxg4]

21.Qxg4 Bd3 22.fxg5+ Discovered Attack 22...Nf6 23.gxf6 gxf6 24.exf6 Bd6

(Diagram)

25.Bf7! Kxf7 26.Qg7+ Skewer 26...Ke8
27.f7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.



29 (precise) /Black=0.56

1-0

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□ Blackburne, Joseph Henry

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Hastings

[Mon Hokmome]

C51

1896

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb6 8.Bb2 -0.22/21

[8.Nc3 0.12/19 is more appropriate.]

[8.0-0 d6 9.h3 (9.Nc3 Bg4 10.Bb5 Kf8 11.e5 Nxd4 12.Re1 d5 13.Ba3+ Ne7 14.Be2 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 h6 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Nd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 b6 19.f4 c5 20.Rd2 d4 21.g4 Qc8 22.f5 dxc3 23.Rd6 Nxf5

Cella, E-Petersen, C Walldorf 1893 ZUS D57 [The Field, 10 May 1884]

½-½ (51)) 9...Qf6 10.Bb2 Nge7 11.e5 dxe5 12.dxe5 Qg6 13.Bd3 Qg3 14.Nd4 Bxd4 15.Bxd4 Qf4 16.Bc3 Be6 17.Nd2 Nd5 18.Bb2 0-0 19.Qc2 Ndb4 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Qe4 Qh6 22.f4 Qxh7 2.c4 e5 (2600) - Thejkumar, M Soviet Union 1857 200 Traps In The Opening [Dorner, Cranbourne] 0-1 (31)]

8...Na5N

[8...Nf6 9.e5 d5 10.exf6 dxc4 11.fxg7 Rg8 12.0-0 Be6 13.Re1 Qf6 14.d5 Qxb2 15.dxe6

Cela, S-Gimenez Lopez, Z Wijk 1864 ZUS D57 [Boris Alterman and Jason Doss]]

9.d5 Ne7 The position is equal.

[9...Nxc4 10.Bxg7 Ba5+ 11.Kf1±]

10.Bd3

[10.Bxg7? Rg8 11.Bf6 Nxc4-+]

10...d6 11.Nc3

[11.Bxg7 keeps more tension. Rg8 12.Bf6 Rxd2 13.h3]

11...c5 12.Ne2 0-0! 13.Rc1 f6 0.54/19

[13...Ng6= -0.13/19]

14.Nh4 -0.10/19

[14.Nf4± 0.54/19]

14...Ng6 1.06/23

[14...c4= -0.10/19 keeps the balance.

15.Bc2 Bc5]

15.Nxg6± hxg6 16.h4 -0.23/22 &Bianco is more active.

[16.0-0!± 0.88/21]

16...Qe8 0.75/23

[16...f5= -0.23/22]

17.h5 White has strong compensation.

[17.Qd2!?]

17...c4 1.31/22

[Better is 17...gxh5± 0.47/22 18.Ng3 c4]

18.Bb1 Bg4 2.21/20

[18...gxh5± 0.95/22 19.Bc3 f5]

19.f3 Bd7 20.Qd2 0.79/24

[20.Bc3!+- 1.64/22 has better winning chances.]

20...c3 21.Rxc3 gxh5 22.Ng3 -0.01/21

[22.e5± 0.89/22 Threatens to win with e5-e6. Qxe5 23.f4]

22...Qg6= 23.Nxh5 g2-g4 is the strong threat. 23...Rac8 1.36/24

[23...Bb5= -0.01/24 remains equal.]

24.Bd3± Hoping for g2-g4. 24...Bc5? 3.40/24

[24...Rxc3± 1.45/23 keeps fighting. 25.Bxc3 Rc8]

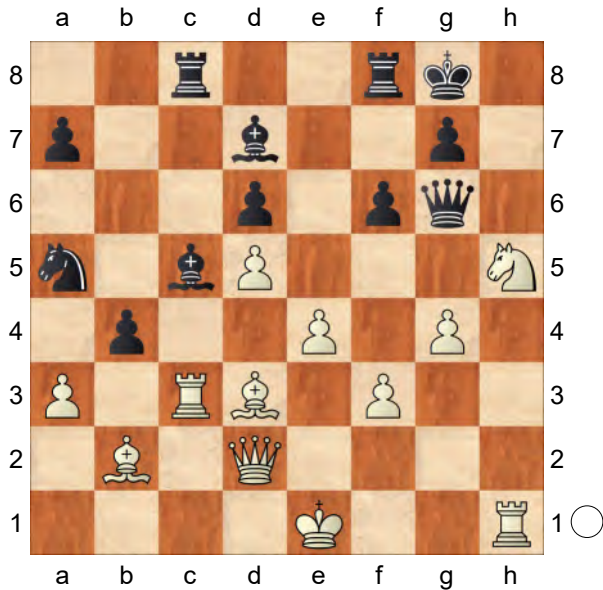
25.a3? 1.22/22

[25.e5+- 3.40/24 and White stays clearly on top. Bf5 26.Bxf5 (26.e6 Bxd3 27.Qxd3 Qxg2=) 26...Qxf5 27.Nxg7! (27.Rc1 fxe5 28.Ng3 Qg6±)]

25...b5 26.g4 b4 1.86/22

[26...Nc4± 1.22/23 27.Bxc4 bxc4]

(Diagram)



Black=0.90

1-0

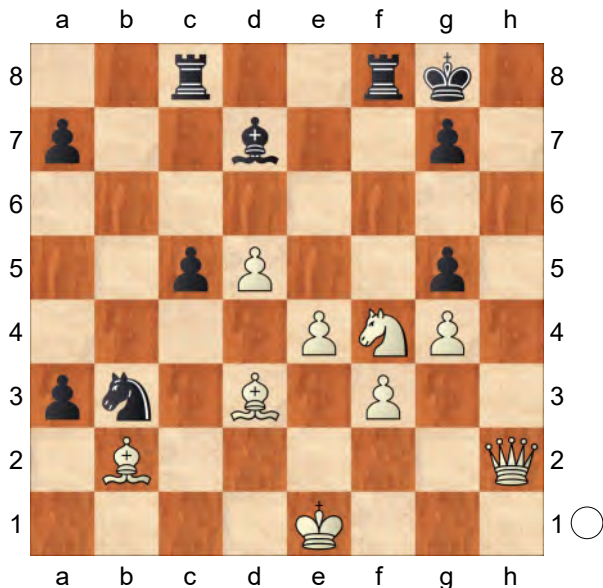
27.Rxc5!+- dxc5 5.76/18

[27...Nb3 1.78/24 is tougher. 28.Rxc8
Nxd2 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Kxd2 Qg5+
31.Ke2 b3]

28.Nf4 Qg5 aiming for ...c5-c4. **29.Rh5**
Trapped Piece

[29.Qh2 Kf7 30.e5 fxe5]

29...Nb3 30.Qh2 bxa3 31.Rxg5 fxg5



32.e5! Intending e5-e6! and mate.

32...Nd4

[32...Bf5 33.gxf5]

33.Qh7+ Kf7 34.Bg6+ Ke7 35.Qxg7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0. 43/

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□ Boden, Samuel Standidge

■ Bird, Henry Edward

ordinary London

C44

1873

[Mon Hokmome]

C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit Blake, BCM 1899 pp215-6: 'BCM xix (1899) pp215-216. Notes by Blake. 'Played by corr. in the recent match between the Leeds and Hastings clubs. 'AND P216 An important point in CC law arose.'

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.Bb5 dxe4 5.Nxe5 Qd5 6.Qa4 Nge7

[6...Qxe5 7.Bxc6+ Kd8 8.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 9.Bxe4±]

7.d4N -1.58/19

[7.f4= -0.17/21 remains equal. exf3 (7...Bd7 8.Nxd7 Kxd7 9.Na3 Rd8 10.Qxa7 Qxb5 11.Nxb5 Nxa7 12.Nxa7 c6 13.d3 Ra8 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Bg1 e3 16.c4 Nb4 17.Kd1 Rxa7

Posizione-N,N Apertura Ponziani

[std]) 8.Nxf3 a6 (8...Bd7 9.0-0

0-0-0 10.d4 Qh5 11.Bf4 Kb8 12.Be2

Nd5 13.Bd2 Bd6 14.Qd1 Nf4

15.Bxf4 Bxf4 16.Nbd2 Ne5 17.dxe5

Bc6 18.h3 Be3+ 19.Kh2 Bxf3

20.Bxf3 Qxe5+ 21.Kh1 Rxd2

22.Qb3 Bb6 23.Qxf7 Falke, O (1973)-

Voicu Jagodzinsky, C (2264)

Ostfildern 2023 0-1 (32); 8...Nf5 9.0-0

Bd7 10.Bc4 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 Qd6

12.Re1+ Nce7 13.Qb3 Bf2 14.Bxf7+

Kf8 15.Rf1 Ng3+ 16.hxg3 Qxg3

17.Be6 Bc6 18.Qd1 Ke8 19.Qe2

Bb6 20.d4 Rd8 21.Bg5 Rd6 22.Bh3

Rd7 23.Bxd7+ Levacic, D-Schall, A

Courchevel 1979 EXT 2009

[Villeneuve, A/Primer, D] 1-0) 9.Be2

Bd7 10.0-0 Ng6 11.Qd1 Be7 12.d4

Bf6 13.Nbd2 0-0 14.Bc4 Qh5

15.Ne4 Be7 16.Neg5 Bxg5 17.Nxg5

Qxd1 18.Rxd1 Na5 19.Bd3 Bb5 20.Bxg6 hxg6 21.b3 Rac8 22.Re1 Rfd8 23.Bf4 Marotta Moraes, M (2440)-Meier, E (2580) Kolhapur 43/495 1995 Telechess CBM 89 [Ward, R] ½-½]

[7.Nxc6 Nxc6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Re1 0-0 11.d3 Qh5 12.g3 Bh3 13.Be3 f5 14.f4 g5 15.Qd1 Bg4 16.Qd2 Bf3 17.Rf1 Rae8 0-1 (17) Cheshire, H-Spedding, F corr 1899 UltraCorrX [Blake, BCM 1899 pp215-6]]

7...exd3!± 8.Bf4 -2.38/23

[8.Nf3± -1.36/21]

8...Qxg2+ 9.Rf1 Black is clearly better.

9...Bh3 -1.24/19

[Black should play 9...Bg4+ -1.76/21

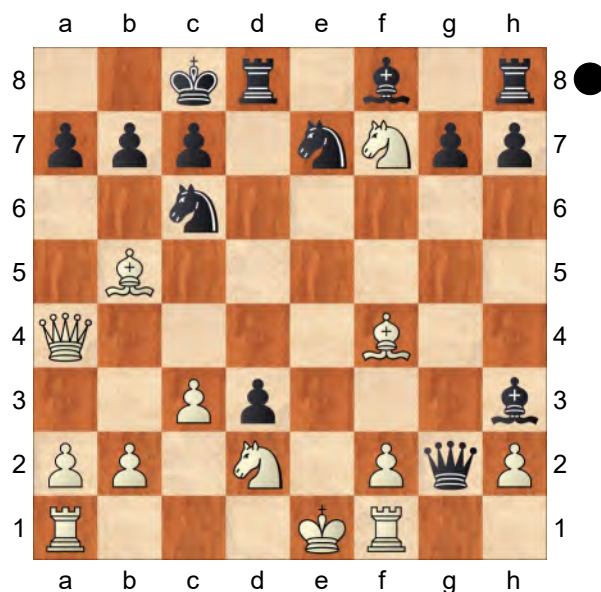
Hoping for ...0-0-0. 10.Nd2 0-0-0

11.Nxf7 Re8!]

10.Nd2± Black must now prevent 0-0-0.

10...0-0-0! Threatens to win with ...

Nc6xe5. 11.Nxf7



Strongly threatening 0-0-0. [White ought to have castled.] 11...Qg4!→ White is in trouble. [Well played, threatening mate as well as to check at e6, and win the Knight.] 12.Qe4

Prevents Qg4-e2+. **12...Bxf1?** 0.46/24

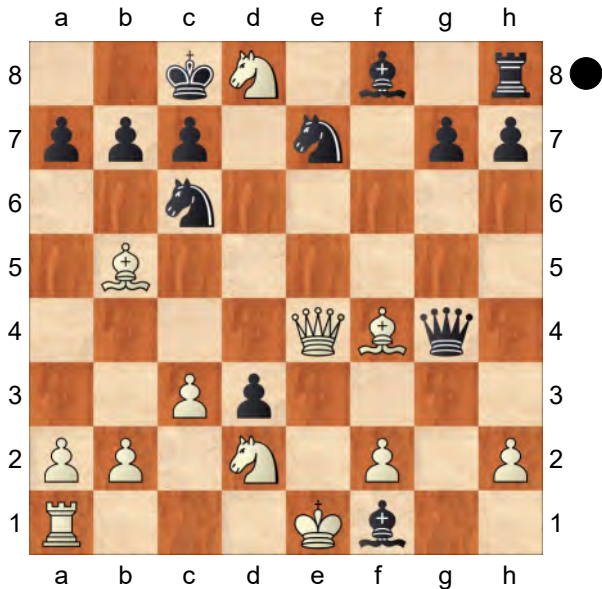
The board is on fire.

[12...Ng6 ̸ -1.19/21 13.Bg3
(13.Nxd8? Nxf4 14.Qf3 Nxd8-+)
13...Qxe4+ 14.Nxe4 Re8 15.Bxd3
Nge5! 16.Bxe5 Nxe5!]

13.Nxd8?? -4.26/20

[White must have overlooked Black's
next move. He should have played
13.Nxf1? -4.30/21 13.Ke1xf1 0.62]

[13.Kxf1± 0.46/24 g5 14.Nxd8 gxf4
15.Nxc6 (15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.Nxc6
bxc6=) 15...Nxc6 16.Bxd3 (16.Bxc6
bxc6 17.Qxc6 Qe2+ 18.Kg2 Qxd2=)]



13...Be2? 0.01/23 [White must now lose
a piece.]

[And not 13...Nxd8 14.Kxf1 Ng6
15.Bg3 Qxe4 16.Nxe4=]

[Better is 13...Bh3!-+ -4.26/20
...Qg4-g1+ is the strong threat. 14.Bg3
Qxe4+ 15.Nxe4 Nxd8 16.Bxd3
Nec6]

14.Qe6+? -4.93/22

[14.Nxc6= 0.01/23 Nxc6 15.Bxc6
(15.Qe8+ Nd8 ̸) 15...bxc6 16.Qxc6
Qxf4 17.Qe8+ Kb7 18.Qb5+ Kc8
19.Qe8+ Kb7 20.Qb5+ Kc8

21.Qe8+]

14...Kxd8-+

Black is clearly winning.

**15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.Bxd3 Nd5 17.Bg5+
Be7 18.Bxe7+ Kxe7** Weighted Error
Value: White=1.51/Black=1.11

0-1

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□ Brien, Robert Barnett

■ Bird, Henry Edward

1 Birmingham

[Mon Hokmome]

A20

A20: English Opening: 1...e5 Meyer, Claus Dieter: 'IM SUMPF EINER NEBENVARIANTE' 1.c4 e5 2.e3 Nf6

3.a3

[3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nge2 0-0 5.a3 Be7 6.b4 a5 7.b5 c6 8.d4 d6 9.Bb2 Be6 10.d5 cxd5 11.cxd5 Bc8 12.Ng3 Nbd7 13.a4 Nc5 14.Ba3 Qb6 15.Bd3 Bg4 16.Qb1 Nxd3+ 17.Qxd3 Rfc8 Deslandes,P (2835) - Grube,J (2764) corr 2020 Bird-Defence [chessvibes] 1-0]

3...c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.b3N

[5.Nge2 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Ng3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Be6 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.f4 exf4 12.exf4 f5 13.Rb1 Na5 14.Bf3 Bc4 15.Be2 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Qd7 17.Rf3 Rad8 18.d3 Bf6 19.Bb2 Rfe8 Colbow,C (2246)- Berres,E (1890) Lüneburg 2019 CBM 193 Extra [Meyer,Claus Dieter] 1-0 (47) 20.Qc2 g6 21.h3 Re7 22.Kh2 h6 23.Rd1 Qe6 24.Rd2 Qb3 25.Qxb3+ Nxb3 26.Rd1 b5 27.Kh1 a5 28.d4 cxd4 29.cxd4 a4 30.Rfd3 h5 31.Bc3 h4 32.Nf1 Red7 33.Kg1 Kf7 34.Nh2 Nc5 Janssen, M-Gozebe,S Game - 5 1885 ZUS D57 [FS 1981/201] 0-1 (47)]

5...d6 6.Bd3 g6 7.Bb2 Bg7 8.Nge2 The position is equal. 8...Be6 9.0-0 Nh5 0.15/20

[♞9...0-0 -0.24/19]

10.Re1 f5 11.Ng3 -0.44/19

[11.Nd5= 0.02/19 should be considered.]

11...Nxc3 12.fxc3 h5 13.Be2 Qg5

-0.19/21

[13...Qd7

is more appropriate.]

-0.52/18

14.Rf1 h4 15.g4 Rh7 0.01/20

[15...0-0 -0.31/20]

16.Rb1 Rd8 0.66/19

[Black should play 16...0-0= -0.29/20]

17.Nd5

[17.b4!?]

17...Rd7 0.70/21 Against Nd5-c7+

[♞17...Kf8 0.38/21]

18.h3 0.10/19

[Better is 18.b4± 0.70/21]

18...Rf7 0.57/20

[18...Ne7= 0.10/19 might be stronger.]

19.b4± cxb4 1.32/21

[19...Bh8± 0.55/20]

20.axb4± e4 2.43/23 This move loses the game for Black.

[20...Bf8± 1.13/21 was called for.]

21.Bxg7 Rfxg7 22.Nf4 Bd7 23.d4 Ne7 2.82/23

[♞23...fxg4 1.92/20 24.Bxg4 Bxg4 25.hxg4 Rf7]

24.d5 Hoping for Qd1-d4. 24...fxg4 3.61/22

[24...Qf6 2.31/17 was necessary. 25.c5 Rg8 26.cxd6 Nc8]

25.Bxg4+- Nf5 26.Bxf5 gxf5 27.Qd4 Prevents Qg5-f6. 27...b6 28.c5 Qd8 29.cxd6 Kf7 30.Ra1 a5 31.bxa5 bxa5 32.Qa7 Rg3 11.85/23

[♞32...Kf6 5.18/23 33.Rxa5 Kg5]

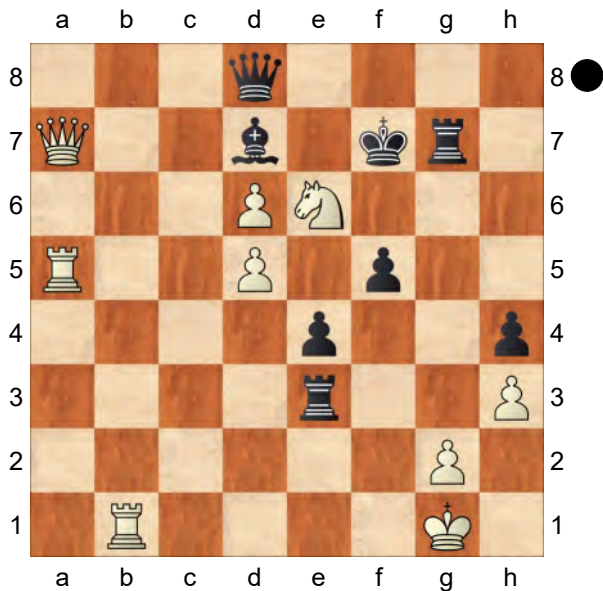
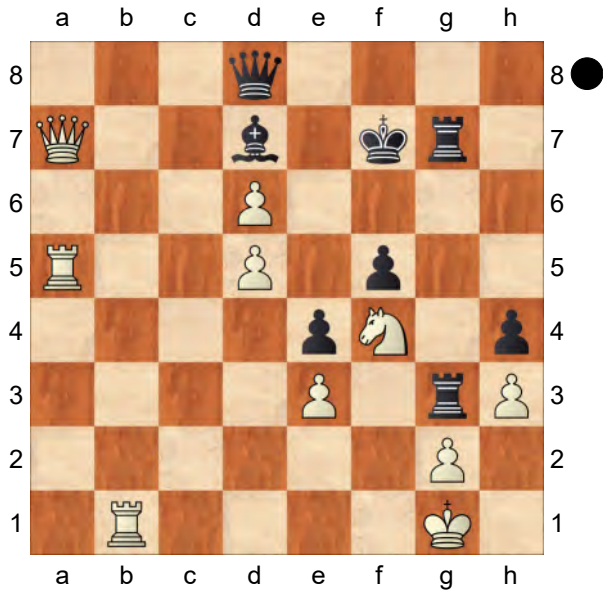
33.Rxa5 Rhg7 34.Rb1

(Diagram)

Rb1-b8 is the strong threat. 34...Rxe3 35.Rb8

[Worse is 35.Ne6

(Diagram)



45.d7 Kg5 46.d8Q#]

38...Ke8 39.Nh5 Rc2+ 40.Ke3 f4+
41.Nxf4 Bf5 42.Qb6 16.07/19

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28
(precise) /Black=0.97

[Δ42.Qxg7 #5/13 Rc3+ 43.Qxc3 Kf8
44.Ra7 Be6 45.Nxe6+ Kg8
46.Qg7#]

1-0

Rxg2+! 36.Kf1 (36.Kxg2 Qg8+
37.Kf1 Rf3+ 38.Qf2 Rxf2+ 39.Kxf2
Qg3+ 40.Kf1 Qd3+ 41.Kf2 Qc2+
42.Ke3 Qxb1-+) 36...Rf3+ 37.Ke1
(37.Kxg2 leads to mate. Qg8+)
37...Qf6 38.Qxd7+ Kg6 39.Nf4+
Rxf4 40.Qe8+ Kh6=]

35...Re1+ 36.Kf2 Qxb8 37.Qxb8
White threatens Qb8-d8 and mate.
37...Rc1 38.Qa7 12.59/23

[Δ38.Qd8 #11/18 Rh7 39.Qxd7+ Kf6
40.Qxh7 e3+ 41.Kxe3 Rc3+ 42.Kd4
Rc4+ 43.Kxc4 Ke5 44.Nd3+ Kf6

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□ Cheshire/Bird

■ Chapman/Blackburne

Hastings

[Mon Hokmome]

A02

1895

A02: Bird's Opening Petronijevic,Zoran:
'The game was played in Simson's Divan.

' 1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.g3
[4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 Ng4 6.Qd3 c5
7.Qe4+ Be6 8.Ng5 Bxh2 9.Nxe6
Qh4+ 10.Kd2 fxe6 11.Rxh2 Qg5+
12.e3 Nxh2 13.Qxe6+ Kd8 14.Qd6+
Nd7 15.Qxh2 Rf8 16.Be2 cxd4
17.Ke1 Rc8 18.Na3 dxe3

Survey\ uebersicht Survey 1995 (33)]

4...f5 5.d4N

[5.d3 Nf6 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bg2 Ne5
8.Nd2 Qe7 9.Nf1 Bd7 10.Bf4 0-0
11.Bxe5 Bxe5 12.Qc2 Kh8 13.Bf3
Rab8 14.Qd2 Rfe8 15.h3 Qd6
16.Kf2 c5 17.e3 Bb5 18.Rd1 Rbd8
19.c4 Bc6 Bird,H-Loewe,E London
1849 EXT 2021 [Petronijevic,Zoran]
1-0 (34) 20.Qe2 b5 21.b3 bxc4
22.bxc4 Ba4 23.Rb1 Rb8 24.Nd2
Bxg3+ 25.Kg2 Bh4 26.Rh2 Bc2
27.Rxb8 Rxb8 28.d4 cxd4 29.exd4
Re8 30.Qf1 Re1 31.c5 Qxd4
32.Qxe1 Bxe1 33.Nb3 Bxb3 34.axb3
Qxc5 Bird,H-Lasker,E Hastings
(England) 1895 Lasker 2nd WC
[Khalifman,A] 0-1 (34)]

5...Nf6 6.Bg5 0.29/19

[6.Nc3± 0.64/19]

6...0-0= 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.c3 White is
slightly better. 8...h6! 9.Bxf6 Qxf6

10.Nd2 Bd7 0.76/21

[10...f4= 0.20/21]

11.Qb3+ 0.23/18

[White should try 11.Nh3± 0.76/21]

11...Kh8! Active counter play! 12.0-0-0
-0.07/16

[12.Qxb7? Rab8! 13.Qa6 Nb4!
14.Qxa7 Nc2+ 15.Kd1 Nxa1-+]

[12.Nh3± 0.32/19]

12...Qg5 1.20/20

[12...Na5!= -0.07/16 13.Qc2
(13.Qd5 Bc6~~7~~) 13...Rae8]

13.Qd5 0.51/21

[13.Qxb7± 1.20/20 Rab8 14.Qa6]

13...Rae8 14.Nh3 Qe3 15.Rhe1
0.29/24

[15.Nf4± 0.68/22 feels stronger. Bxf4
16.gxf4]

15...g5 aiming for ...f5-f4. 16.Qf3 Qe7
1.62/22

[16...f4= 0.24/23]

17.Nf2 0.64/16

[17.Qh5+- 1.62/22]

17...Qf7 1.21/21

[17...f4!± 0.64/16 18.g4 Qg7]

18.Nb3 0.12/22

[18.e4!± 1.21/21]

18...a5 0.73/22

[18...g4!= 0.12/22 remains equal.
19.Qd3 f4]

19.Kb1 -0.46/22

[19.Nd3!± 0.73/22]

19...f4~~7~~ Threatens to win with ...Re8-e3.

20.gxf4 Black must now prevent Nf2-d3.

20...gxf4 1.01/22

[20...g4= -0.18/22 21.Qg3 Bxf4]

21.Nd3 0.29/22

[21.Nd2!± 1.01/22]

21...Re3 22.Qf2 And now Nb3-c5 would
win. 22...Bf5 0.87/21

[22...a4!± 0.35/23 23.Nbc5 Bxc5
24.dxc5 Be6]

23.Bf3 0.42/22

[23.Na1!± 0.87/21]

23...Qh7 1.69/23

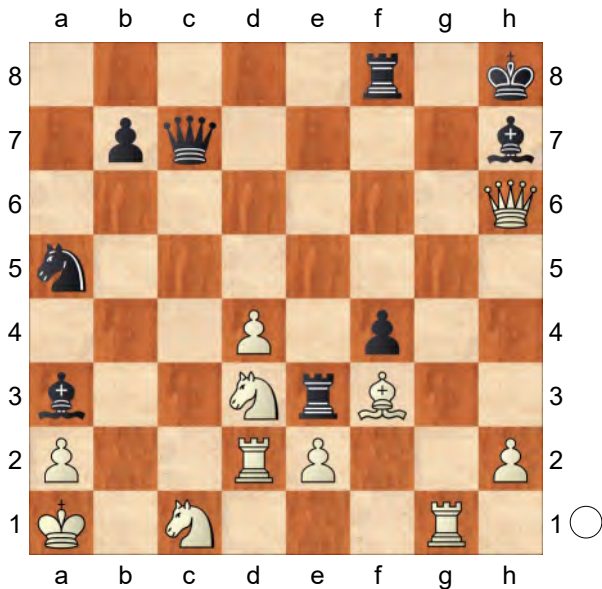
[23...a4± 0.42/22 24.Na1 Be6]

24.Nbc1? 0.01/18

[24.Nd2+- 1.69/23]

24...a4!= 25.Qh4 Na5 0.45/22

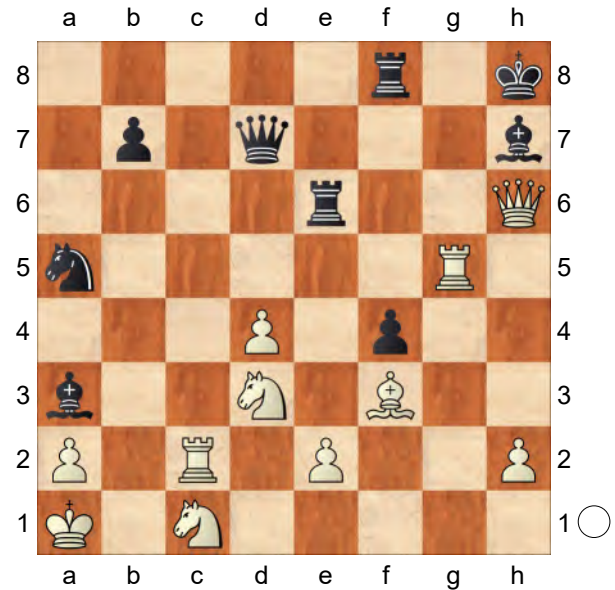
[25...a3= -0.01/21]
26.Rg1! ♘ White is not keeping still
26...c5 0.58/21
 [26...Nc4= -0.01/20]
27.Ka1! cxd4 0.82/25
 [27...a3!= 0.24/24]
28.cxd4 -0.01/22
 [28.Nxf4± 0.82/25 dxc3 29.Rxd6
 cxb2+ 30.Kxb2 Nc4+ 31.Ka1 Nxd6
 32.Nd5]
28...a3= 29.bxa3 -0.61/22
 [29.Nxf4= 0.01/22 axb2+ 30.Kxb2]
29...Qc7? 2.73/23
 [29...Nc4̄ -0.61/22 keeps the upper
 hand.]
30.Qxh6++- Bh7 31.Rd2 Rd2-c2! is the
 strong threat. **31...Bxa3?** 4.03/26
 [31...Rf7 1.75/23]



32.Rc2!! 1.64/22 **Qd7 33.Rg5?** -0.01/24
 [33.d5+- 1.64/24 Qf7 34.Rg4]
33...Re6=

(Diagram)

34.Qh5? -3.30/25
 [34.Rd5!= 0.01/22 Qa4 35.Qxe6
 Qxc2 36.Qe5+ Kg8 37.Qe6+



(37.Be4? leads to mate. Bb2+
 38.Nxb2 Qxc1+) 37...Kh8 38.Qe5+
 Kg8 39.Qg5+ (39.Be4? gets mated.
 Bb2+ 40.Nxb2 Qxc1+) 39...Kh8
 40.Qe5+]
34...Qxd4+-+ 35.Kb1 Nc4 36.Nb3 Rb6
 Chess con chili. **37.Rg6?** -11.56/25
 [37.Bd5 -2.86/25 f3 38.Qxh7+
 (38.Bxc4? f2+-) 38...Kxh7 39.Rxc4]
37...Rc8 (→ ...Nc4-d2+) 38.Rxc4 Rxc4
39.Rg8+ Kxg8 40.Bd5+ Kg7 41.Qf7+
Kh6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/
 Black=0.57
0-1

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□ Chigorin Mikhail

■ Bird, Henry Edward

36 USA-06.Congress New York 1889
[Mon Hokmome]

C44

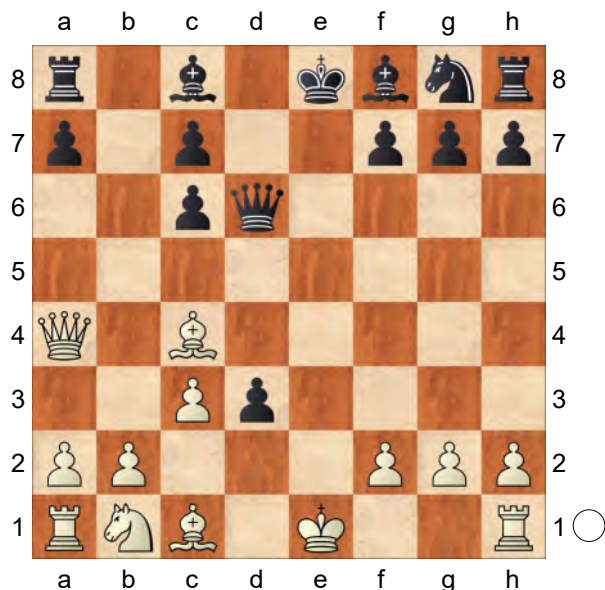
C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5

4.Qa4 dxe4 5.Nxe5 Qd5 6.Nxc6 bxc6

[6...Qxc6? 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Bxc6+-]

7.Bc4 Qd6 8.d3 exd3 1.23/22

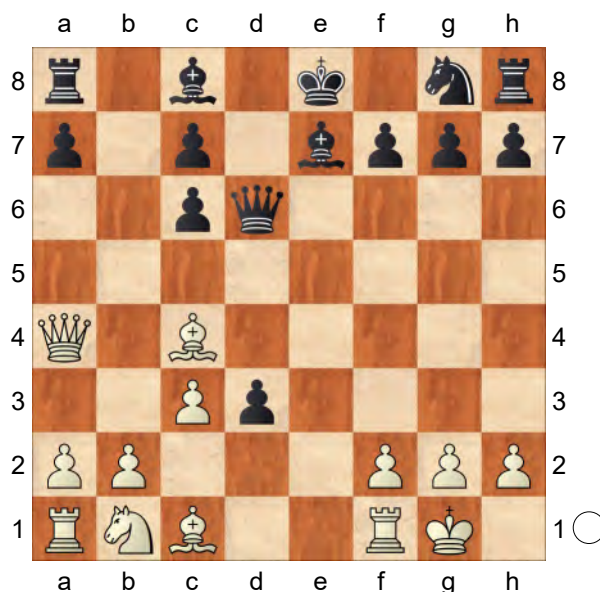
[Δ8...Nf6 0.86/19]



9.0-0!± White is better. 9...Be7N 1.72/23

[9...Nf6± 1.09/20 10.Bf4 Qc5 11.Nd2 Bd6 12.Rfe1+ Kf8 13.Nb3 Qb6 14.Be3 c5 15.Rad1 Bd7 16.Qa3 h5 17.Bxc5 Bxc5 18.Qxc5+ Qxc5 19.Nxc5 Bc6 20.Rxd3 Rh6 21.f3 h4 22.Kf2 a5 23.a4 Rb8 24.b3 Rh5 Alexikov,A (2223)-Aghasiyev,K (2441) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (60)]

[9...Bf5 10.Bf4 Qd7 11.Re1+ Be7 12.Nd2 Nf6 13.Nf3 c5 14.Bb5 1-0 (14) Alet,J-Lamorelle,Y (2215) Clermont Ferrand 1985 EXT 2004 [Villeneuve, A/Primer,D]]



10.Bxd3! And now Bc1-f4! would win.

10...Bd7 11.Rd1 aiming for Bd3-f5!

11...Nf6 12.Na3 0.85/19

[White should try 12.Bf4+- 1.63/20

Qc5 13.Bxc7]

12...Ng4 1.45/20

[Δ12...Nd5 0.85/19]

13.Bf4

[13.Qf4?! g5 14.Qxd6 cxd6±]

13...Qc5 14.Bg3 1.21/22 Active counter play!

[14.Rd2+- 1.66/21]

14...Bd6 15.Qe4+ 0.95/20

[Better is 15.Qc4 1.40/23]

15...Kf8 White must now prevent ...

Bd6xg3. 16.Qf3 0.66/22

[16.Qc4± 1.03/22]

16...Be6? 2.67/23

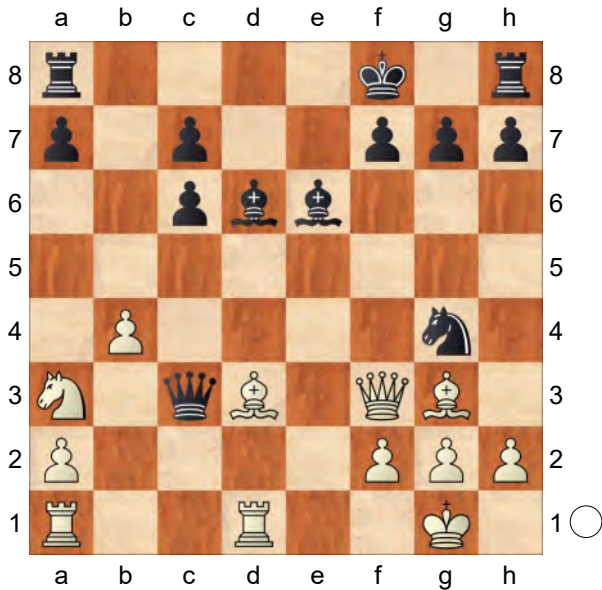
[16...Ne5± 0.66/22 17.Bxe5 Qxe5]

17.b4+- Qxc3 3.60/24

[17...Qg5 2.44/22 was necessary. 18.Qxc6 (18.Bxd6+ cxd6 19.Qxc6 Rd8+-) 18...Rd8]

(Diagram)

18.Nb5! Pin, Double Attack 18...Qxb4



[18...Qf6 19.Nxd6]
19.Nxd6 cxd6 20.Bf5 Kg8 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Qxc6 Kf7 23.Rab1 Qc5 24.Qd7+ Deflection 24...Kg6 25.Rb7 Rag8 26.Qf7+ Kh6 27.Qxe6+ Nf6 28.Bf4+ Kg6 29.Rb3 4.61/26

[Δ29.Rd3 #8/18 h6 30.Rg3+ Qg5 31.Bxg5 hxg5 32.Qf7+ Kf5 33.Rb5+ d5 34.Rxd5+ Kf4 35.Qc7+ Ke4 36.Qe5#]

29...h6 30.Rg3+ 2.40/26

[30.Rb7 Qf5 31.Qf7+ (31.Rxd6 Qxe6 32.Rxe6 Kf5±; 31.Qxd6? Rd8+-) 31...Kh7+-]

[Δ30.Rxd6 4.73/25 Intending Qe6-g4+ and mate. Kh7 31.Rb7]

30...Kh7 31.Bxd6

[Don't play 31.Rxd6?! Qb4 32.Bc1 Qe4±]

[31.Qf7?! Qh5 32.Qb3 Ne4±]

31...Qh5 4.51/25

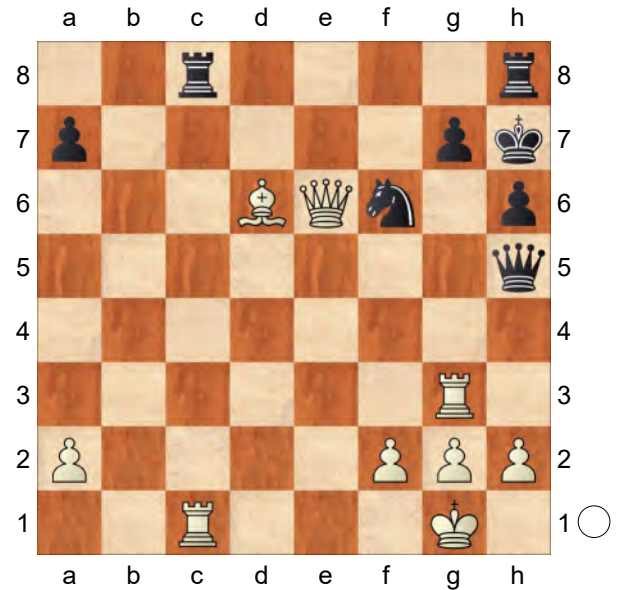
[31...Qc2± 1.47/22 is a better chance. 32.Rgd3 Qc8]

32.Rc1?→ 1.11/23 Black is in trouble.

[32.Rb1+- 4.51/25 is more deadly.]

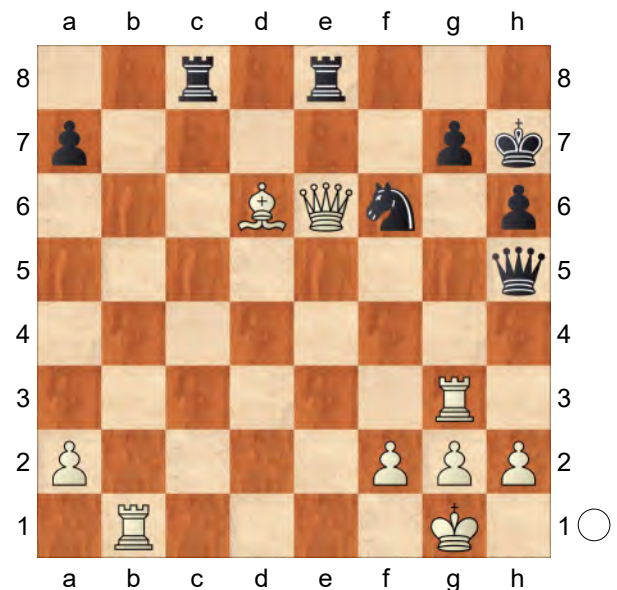
32...Rc8±

(Diagram)



33.Rb1 White wants to mate with **Rg3xg7+!** **33...Rhe8? #16/23**

[33...Qb5± 1.01/22 34.Rgb3 (34.Rxb5? leads to mate. Rc1+; 34.Rxg7+? Kxg7 35.Qb3 Qxb3+-) 34...Qg5]



34.Rxg7+!! Kxg7 35.Rb7+ Kg6 36.Qf7+ Kf5 37.Rb5+ Skewer 37...Ke4 38.f3+

[38.Rxh5? Rc1#]

38...Ke3 39.Qb3+

[39.Rxh5? Rc1#]

39...Ke2 40.Qb2+ Kd3 41.Qb1+
White mates. 41...Ke2 42.Rb2+ Ke3
43.Qe1+ Kd4 44.Qd2+ Kc4 45.Rb4#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/
Black=1.03
1-0

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□ Gossip, G..

■ Bird, Henry Edward

London

[Mon Hokmome]

C35

1873

C35: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Be7
 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Bc4
 Bh4+ 5.Kf1 d5 6.Bxd5 Nf6 7.Nc3
 -0.01/24

[7.Nxh4± 0.65/22 Nxd5 8.exd5
 (8.Qh5 Nb4±) 8...Qxh4 9.Qe2+ Kf8
 10.Nc3]

7...Nxd5

[7...c6 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.d4 g5 10.e5
 Nh5 11.Ne4 0-0 12.g3

King's Gambit-7.Nc3 Survey 1994
 MAS C30 AB [Bangiev]

8.Nxd5 0-0 9.Nxf4N

[9.Nxh4 Qxh4 10.d3 Nc6 11.Bxf4
 f5 12.e5 g5 13.Bg3 Qh6 14.d4 f4
 15.Bf2 f3 16.h3 Bg4 17.g3 Bxh3+
 18.Kg1 g4 19.Qd3 Qg7 20.Re1
 Rad8 21.Qe4 Qd7 22.Nf6+ Rxf6
 23.exf6 Nxd4 Bennett, W-Sheldon, D
 corr USA 1894 UltraCorrX [ILN 30/3/
 1895; CPC 10 Apr 1895; Gambit
 Revue] 1-0 24.Rd1 c5 25.c3 Ne2+
 26.Kh2 Qc7 1-0 (26) Chapman, P-
 Tagnon, N New York 1894 ZUS D57
 [Kommentar: C. Sender]]

9...f5 1.24/21

[9...c5= -0.01/19 remains equal.]

10.e5± Nc6 1.66/22

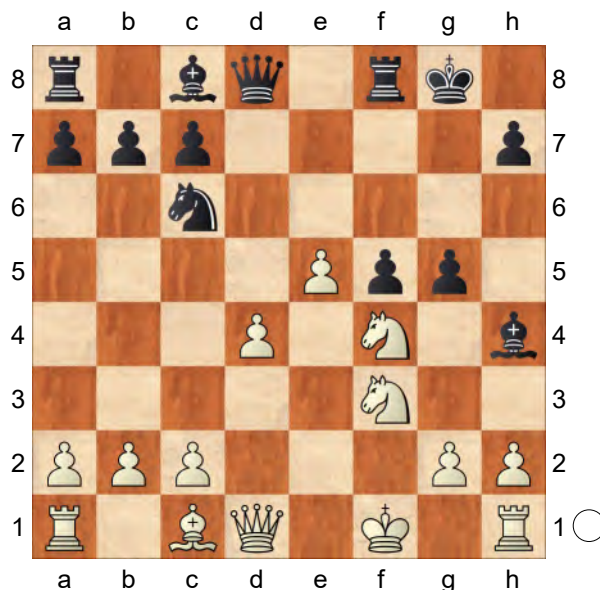
[10...c5± 1.07/21 was necessary.]

11.d4+- g5 2.90/23

[11...Re8± 1.48/18 12.Be3 Bg5
 13.Nxg5 Qxg5]

(Diagram)

12.Nh5? 1.07/22



[12.g3!+- 2.90/23]

12...g4 2.34/23

[12...f4± 1.07/22 might work better.]

13.Nxh4 Qxh4 14.Nf6+ Kh8? 3.68/21

[14...Rxf6 2.16/20 15.exf6 b6]

15.Bf4 Be6 16.Qd2 g3? 5.91/22

[16...Rxf6 3.50/20 is a better defense.

17.Bg5 Qxg5 18.Qxg5 Rf7]

17.c3 Rxf6 18.Bg5

[Resist 18.exf6 Bd5 19.Be5 Nxe5
 20.dxe5 c6+-]

18...Bc4+ 19.Kg1 gxh2+ 20.Rxh2
 Qxh2+ 6.94/23

[20...Qxg5 4.91/24 21.Qxg5 Rf7]

21.Kxh2 Rg6 22.Bf6+ Kg8 23.b3 Bd5

24.Rg1 Kf7? 5.97/21

[24...Nd8 3.64/19 was worth a try.
 25.c4 Be4]

25.g4 Rag8 6.33/21

[25...fxg4 4.52/19 26.Qf4 Bf3]

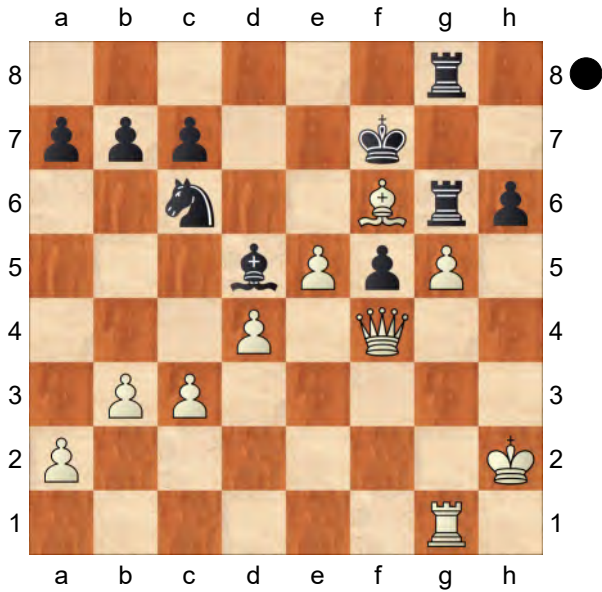
26.g5 h6 27.Qf4

(Diagram)

And now e5-e6+! would win. 27...Be4
 28.b4 2.12/21

[28.Qh4 4.13/20]

28...Ne7? 5.32/24



[28...Ke6 2.12/21 is more resistant.
29.Qh4 b5]

29.e6+ Ke8 #4/12

[29...Kxe6+- 5.20/24 30.Qe5+ Kd7
31.Qxe7+ Kc8]

30.Qxc7 Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value:
White=0.64/Black=1.17

1-0

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□ Gossip, George Hatfeild

■ Bird, Henry Edward

USA-06 Congress Grand Tournament (30)
[Mon Hokmome]A85: Dutch Defence: 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3
1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e3 Bb4
5.Qb3N

[5.Bd2 b6 (5...Bxc3 6.Bxc3 b6
7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bd3 d6 9.0-0 g6
10.Ng5 Qe7 11.Qf3 c6 12.Qh3 Na6
13.f4 Nc7 14.Rad1 Rb8 15.a3 Nce8
16.Rfe1 a5 17.Qh4 Ne4 18.Bxe4
fxe4 19.d5 exd5 20.cxd5 Forsman,G-
Goletto,C London 1851 200 Traps In
The Opening [John Watson] 1-0
(79)) 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.f3 Nh5 8.Nh3
Bxc3 9.Bxc3 Qh4+ 10.Nf2 Qg5
11.Qd2 Qxg2 12.0-0-0 Qg5 13.Rhg1
Qh6 14.Ng4 fxe4 15.fxe4 Nf6 16.g5
Qh4 17.gxf6 gxf6 18.d5 e5 19.d6
c5 Bertholdt,D-Haag,E Budapest 1959
EXT 2009 [Platz,Hans] 1-0 (38) 20.Bf5
Qh6 21.Rg3 Nc6 22.Rdg1 0-0-0
23.Rg7 Qh5 24.Qf2 Nb4 25.Bxb4
cxb4 26.c5 bxc5 27.e4 Kb8 28.Kb1
Ka8 29.Ka1 Qh6 30.Bxd7 Qf4
31.Qxc5 Qxe4 32.Bf5 Qd5 33.Qxb4
a5 34.Qa4 Bc6 Berkes,F (2702) -
Yemelin,V (2574) Skopje 2013 CBM
153 Extra [Postny,Evgeny] 0-1 (38)]
[5.Bd3 Bxc3+ (5...0-0 6.Bd2 Bxc3
7.Bxc3 d5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Ne4
10.0-0-0 a5 11.a3 Nb4 12.axb4
axb4 13.Bxe4 bxc3 14.bxc3 fxe4
15.Ne5 Bd7 16.Qb2 Qe7 17.f4 Ra6
18.Kd2 Rb6 19.Qa2 Qh4 20.g3
Tinsley,S-Albin,A Hastings_28841
1895 [Von Bardeleben] 0-1 (39))
6.bxc3 d6 Dutch Defence-3.Nc3 e6 4.
e3 Bb4 Survey 2023 2016
Lexikon16 [ChessBase,Ftacnik]]

A85

5...c5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 -0.50/19

[White should play 7.Qxc3± 0.31/21
Ne4 8.Qc2]

7...Na6 0.26/18

[7...Nc6± -0.50/19]

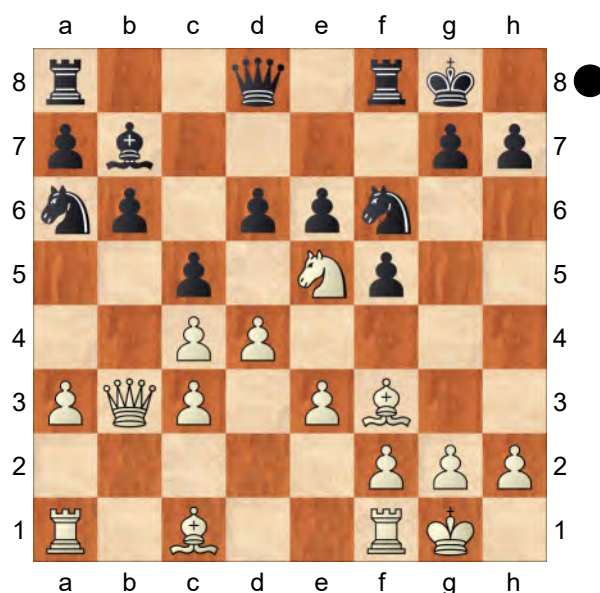
8.Nf3 White has an edge. 8...b6 9.Be2
0-0 10.0-0 Bb7 0.38/18

[10...d6= -0.23/19]

11.Ne5 0.00/17

[11.a4± 0.38/18 was preferable.]

11...d6 12.Bf3 -1.26/19



Ne4 -0.23/14

[12...Be4!± -1.26/19 13.Qa4 dxe5
14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxa6 f4 16.exf4
exf4]

13.Nd3= Qg5 0.00/20

[13...Nb8!± -0.43/20 feels stronger.]

14.Bxe4 -1.06/22

[14.Qb2= 0.00/20]

14...fxe4±

[14...Bxe4?! 15.Ne1±]

15.Nf4 Qf5 -0.43/21

[15...Nc7± -1.12/23 16.dxc5 dxc5]

16.a4 g5 0.92/22

[16...Nc7± -0.57/21 keeps the upper
hand.]

17.Ne2± Bc6 1.21/22

[17...Nc7 0.71/21]

18.Ng3 0.80/22

[Δ 18.a5 1.21/22 Rfb8 19.Ng3]

18...Qg6 1.13/17

[Δ 18...Qf7 0.80/22]

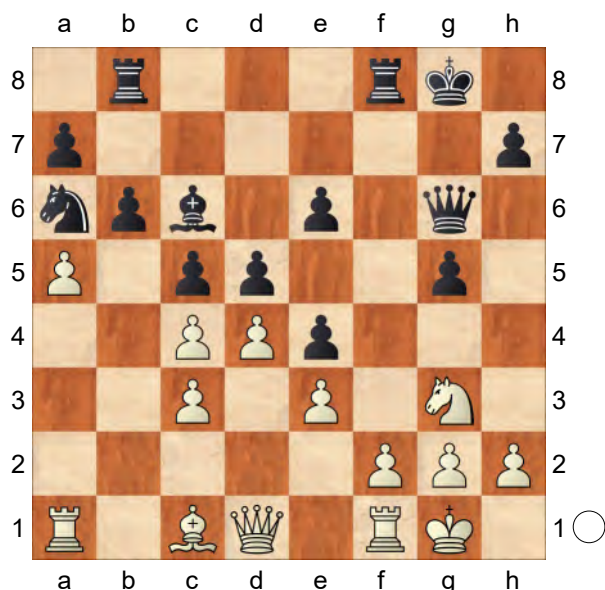
19.a5 Rab8 20.Qd1 0.12/23

Against h7-h5

[20.axb6± 1.11/22 Rxb6 21.Qd1]

20...d5? 4.74/20

[20...b5= 0.12/23]



This move loses the game for Black.

21.axb6!+- Rxb6 6.29/22

[Δ 21...Bb7 4.28/19 22.bxa7 Ra8]

22.dxc5 Nxc5 23.Ba3 Nb3 24.Bxf8 Nxa1 25.Qxa1 h5

(Diagram)

26.Qxa7! Rb7

[26...Rb3 27.Bb4]

27.Qc5 Rc7 28.Bd6 Rc8 29.Be5 h4

30.Ne2 h3 31.Ng3 hxc2 32.Rb1 Qf7

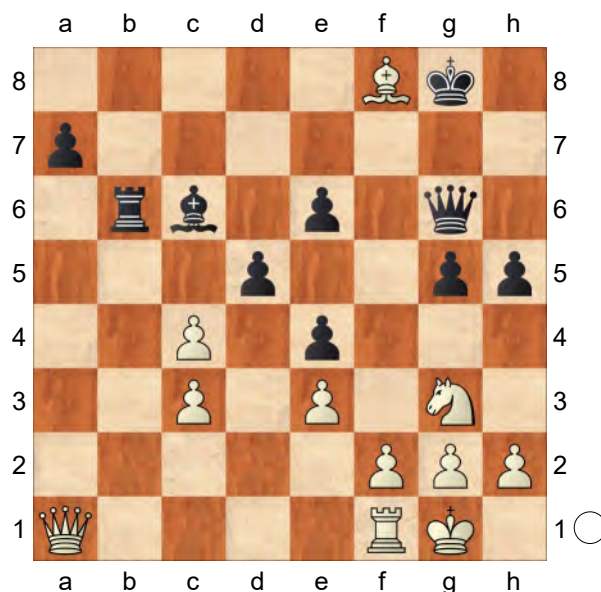
33.Ne2 Rf8 34.Bg3 Be8 35.cxd5

exd5 36.Nd4 Kh7 37.Rb6 Bd7

38.Qd6 White threatens Qd6-h6+ and mate. **38...Qh5** Against Qd6-h6+

39.Qxd7+

[Stronger than 39.Qxf8 Qd1+



40.Kxg2 Bh3+ 41.Kxh3 Qf1+ 42.Kg4 Qh3+ 43.Kxg5 (43.Kxh3 g4+ 44.Kg2=) 43...Qxg3+ 44.Kf5 (44.Kh5 Qh4+ 45.Kxh4=) 44...Qe5+ 45.Kg4 Qg5+ 46.Kxg5= (46.Kh3 Qh5+ 47.Kg3 Qg5+ 48.Kh3 Qh5+ 49.Kg3 Qg5+ 50.Kh3=)]

39...Rf7 40.Qa4 19.96/29 Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.87

[Δ 40.Qxd5 #9/22 Qd1+ 41.Kxg2 Qh5 42.Qxe4+ Kg8 43.Rg6+ Qxg6 44.Qxg6+ Rg7 45.Qe6+ Kh7 46.Be5]

1-0

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□ **Gunsberg,Isidor**

■ **Bird, Henry Edward**

England

B76

1885

[*Mon Hokmome*]

B76: Sicilian Dragon: Yugoslav Attack, 9 g4 and 9 0-0-0 1.e4 Not verified game.

(Hereford 1885 is not correct). 1...c5

2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.d4 cxd4

5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Nd5 0.09/19

[7.Be2± 0.47/19 deserves consideration.]

[7.Bc4 Nf6 8.h3 0-0 9.Bb3 Na5

10.0-0 b6 11.Qd3 Bb7 12.Bd5 Qd7

13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.Rad1 Rac8

15.Rfe1 Nc4 16.Bc1 b5 17.b3 b4

18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Ne5 20.Qe4

f5 21.Qe2 Qxd5 Nikolov,M (2405)-

Mikhailov,S (2530) Dortmund 1994

Telechess CBM 89 [FS 12/1979 p311] ½-½]

[7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.0-0-0 d5

10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4

Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qb6 14.Na4 Qc7

15.Bc4 Nb6 16.Nc5 Bf5 17.Bb3

Rad8 18.Qe3 Nd5 19.Bxd5 cxd5

20.g4 d4 21.Qa3 Rd5

Nolte,R (2387)-Makarov,N (2204)

Penang 2022 0-1 (59)]

7...Nf6= 8.Nb5N Nd5-c7+ is the strong threat.

[8.Nxf6+ Bxf6 9.c3 0-0 10.Be2 Bd7

11.0-0 Rc8 12.Rc1 Qa5 13.a3 Rfd8

14.Nb5 Re8 15.b4 Qd8 16.c4 Be6

17.f4 a6 18.Nc3 Nb8 19.Nd5 Bxd5

20.Qxd5 Nc6 21.Qd2 e5 22.Bg4

Ra8 Kulkarni,C-Usov,A Bled 1972

Chess Informant [Schirmer] 0-1 (53)

23.Qf2 exf4 24.Qxf4 Ne5 25.Rcd1

Nxc4 26.Bc5 Qe7 27.Be2 Be5

28.Qc1 b5 29.Bxc4 bxc4 30.Be3

Rac8 31.Bg5 Qb7 32.Rd5 c3

33.Qc2 Rc4 34.Qd3 Rxe4 35.Kh1

Rg4 36.Bc1 Qc6 37.Qf3 Qd7

Kulkarni,C (2390)-Usov,A (2430)

Yerevan (open) 68/291 1971 Chess

Informant [Pickard] 0-1 (53)]

8...Nxd5 0.17/23

[♖8...0-0! -0.14/21]

9.exd5 The position is equal. 9...Ne5

10.Bd4 0-0 11.f4 a6 12.Nc3

[Much worse is 12.fxe5 axb5 13.c3

dxe5⚡]

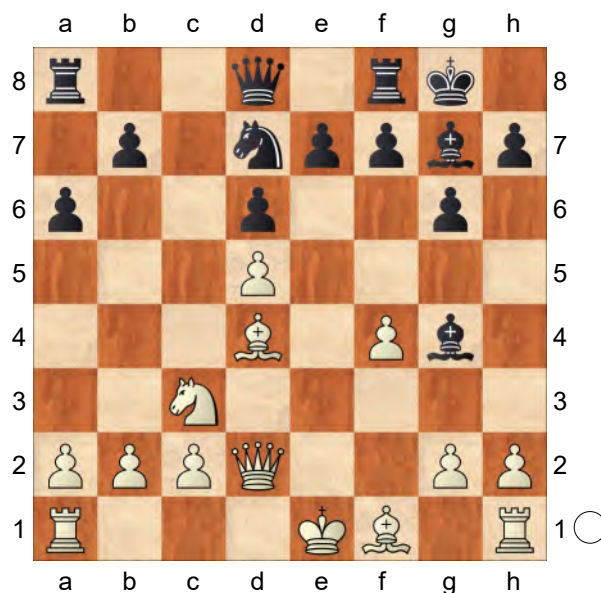
12...Bg4? 1.95/23 Loses the game.

13.Qd2!+-

[And not 13.Be2 Bxe2 14.Nxe2

Nd7=]

13...Nd7



14.Bxg7 Kxg7

(Diagram)

15.h3! Bf5 16.g4 e5 17.gxf5

Black must now prevent 0-0-0. 17...exf4

18.0-0-0 Qh4 19.Ne4 Rfe8 20.Nxd6

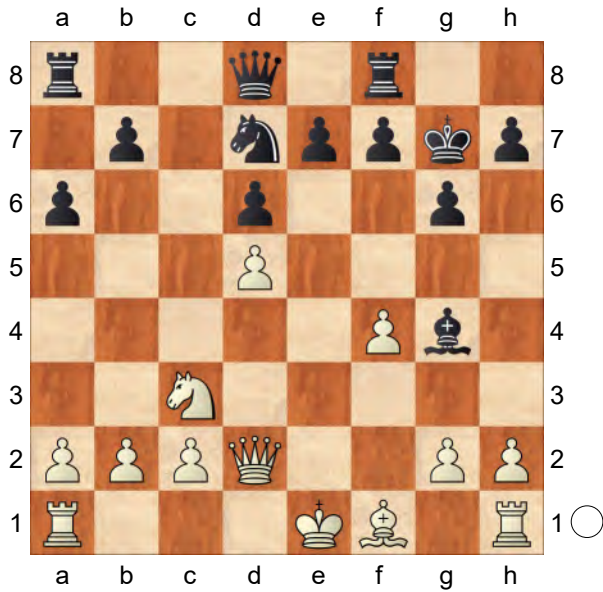
Re3 21.Rg1 Ne5 9.96/22

[♖21...Qf6 4.15/21 22.Qb4 f3

23.fxg6 hxg6]

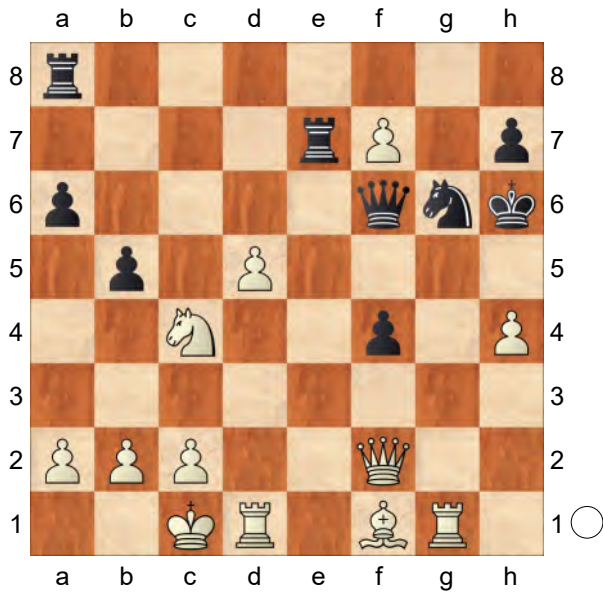
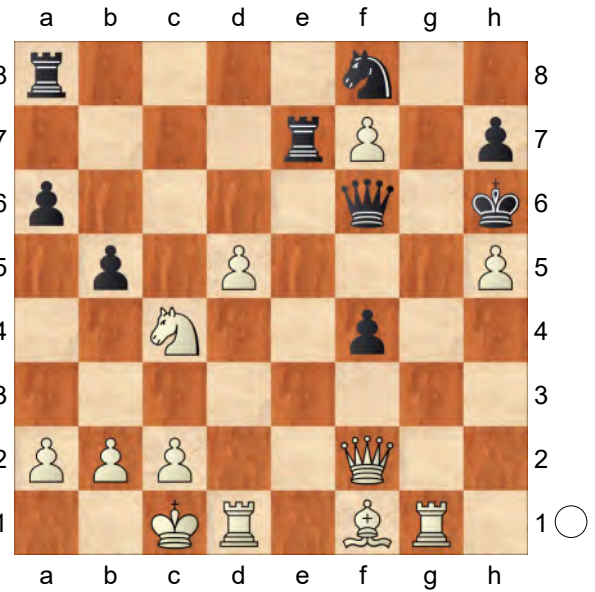
22.fxg6 Qf6 Prevents Nd6-f5+.

23.gxf7+ Kh6 24.Qf2 White wants to



mate with Nd6-f5+! 24...Ng6 25.Nc4
Re7 26.h4 b5

Black=0.75
1-0



27.h5! Nf8
[27...bxc4 28.hxg6]

(Diagram)

28.Rd4! bxc4
[28...Re1+ 29.Kd2]
29.Rxf4 Qe5 30.Rf6+ Weighted Error
Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /

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□ MacDonnell, George Alcock

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Great

[Mon Hokmome]

C35

1870

C35: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Be7
 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Bc4
 Bh4+ 5.Kf1 d5 6.Bxd5 Nf6 7.Nc3
 0.35/24

[7.Nxh4± 0.77/24 And now Bd5-b3
 would win. Nxd5 8.exd5 (8.Qh5
 Nb4+) 8...Qxh4 9.Qe2+ Kf8 10.Qf2
 Qxf2+ 11.Kxf2]

7...0-0± 8.Nxh4

[8.d3 with more complications. Nxd5
 9.Nxd5 f5 10.Nxh4 Qxh4 (10...fxe4
 11.dxe4 Qxh4 Analyse 7.Nc3 0-0
 1994) 11.e5]

[8.d4 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 f5 10.Nxh4 fxe4
 11.Qh5 Be6 12.Nxf4 g5 13.g3 gxh4
 14.Be3 Qf6 15.Rd1 h6 16.d5 Bf7
 17.Qe2 Kh7 18.Kg2 Nd7 19.Bd4
 Qe7 20.Rhe1 Rfe8 21.Ne6 c5
 22.Bc3 Rac8 Coope, D-Pirs, M corr
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 [Milanovic, Danilo]]

8...Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Nh4-f3 is the strong
 threat. 9...Qxh4N The position is equal.

10.Nxc7

[10.d3!? Qd8 11.Nc3± (11.Bxf4
 f5=)]

(Diagram)

10...Nc6! 11.Nxa8 Hoping for h2-h3.

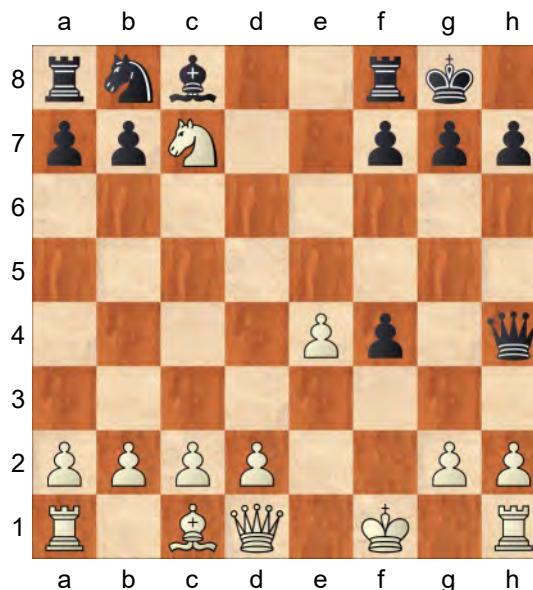
[11.d3 Nd4]

11...Nd4! Strongly threatening ...Bc8-g4.

12.d3? -2.78/26

[12.Qe1!= -0.01/25 and White stays
 safe. Qh5 13.h3]

12...f3 -1.66/25



[♖12...Bg4 -2.78/26 13.Qd2 Be2+
 14.Qxe2 (14.Kg1? f3-+) 14...Nxe2
 15.Kxe2 Rxa8]

13.g3? -13.08/24

[13.gxf3 gets mated. Bh3+ 14.Kg1
 Nxf3+! 15.Qxf3 Qe1+]

[13.Rg1 -1.66/25 f2 14.Be3
 (14.Rh1? Bg4-+) 14...fxg1B
 15.Kxg1]

13...Qh3+-+ 14.Kf2 Qg2+ Skewer

15.Ke3 Nxc2+ 16.Kf4 f5 -5.02/22

[♖16...f6 -12.74/24 17.Qxc2 Qxc2
 18.Kxf3 Bh3]

17.e5 -#8/18

[17.Qf1-+ -5.02/22 fxe4+ 18.Ke5
 Nxa1 19.Qxg2 fxg2 20.Rg1]

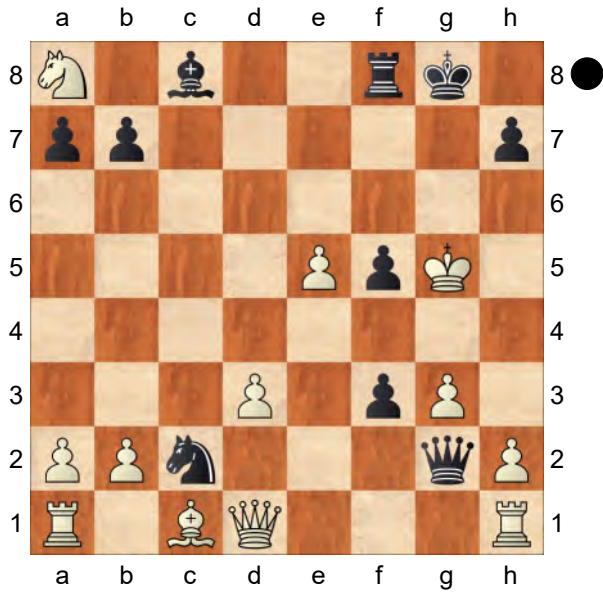
17...h6 -10.21/20

[♖17...g5+ -#8/18 18.Kxg5

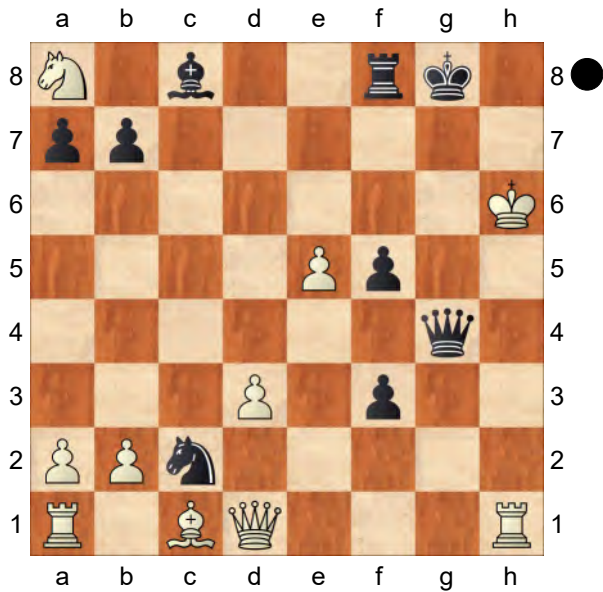
(Diagram)

Qh3! 19.Qxf3 Kg7 20.Qh5 h6+
 21.Kf4 Qxh5 22.h3 Qe2 23.Rh2
 Qf1+ 24.Rf2 Qxf2#]

18.h4 g5+ Deflection, Decoy 19.hxg5
 hxg5+ 20.Kxg5 Threatens to win with
 Bc1-f4. 20...Qxg3+ Black mates.
 21.Kh5 Qg4+



[21...Nxa1? 22.Rg1 f4 23.Rxg3+-]
22.Kh6



Kf7! White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=2.06/Black=0.80
0-1

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■ Bird, Henry Edward

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C37

1872

[Mon Hokmome]

C37: King's Gambit Accepted: Muzio Gambit 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 g4 5.0-0 gxf3 6.Qxf3 Qf6 7.e5 Qxe5 8.d3 Bh6 And now ...Ng8-e7 would win. 9.Nc3 Ne7 Hoping for ...Nb8-c6. 10.Bd2 -1.74/22

[10.Bxf4 -1.28/22 Bxf4 11.Kh1]

10...Nbc6+ aiming for ...d7-d5! Black is clearly better. 11.Rae1 Qd4+

[11...Qf5 12.Nd5 Kd8 13.Qe2 Qe6 14.Qf3 Qg6 15.Bxf4 Bxf4 16.Qxf4 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 f6 18.Qh4 Qg5 19.Qe4 Qg7 20.c3 Rb8 21.Qh4 Rf8 22.Re3 Ne7 23.Rg3 Qh8 24.Bb3 b5 25.Re3 a5 26.Qe1 Omnipotent-Kindler,U CServe email 2008 200 Traps In The Opening [Liermann, H. de Jong]]

12.Kh1 Nc3-d5 is the strong threat.

12...Ne5N 3.84/20

[12...0-0+ -1.64/21 White must now prevent ...Qd4-g7. 13.Nb5 Qf6 14.Nxc7 Rb8]

[12...Kd8 13.Nb5 Qb6 14.Bxf4 Bxf4 15.Qxf4 f5 16.Qg5 d6 17.d4 a6 18.Qg7 Re8 19.Bf7 Qxb5 20.Rf2 Be6 21.Bxe8 Kxe8 22.Rxe6 Kd7 23.Rfe2 Re8 24.b3 Qa5 25.c4 Qc3 26.R6e3 Qa1+ 27.Re1 Example 64 Kladovo 1994 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] (42)]

13.Qh5+ Bg7 8.05/24

[13...Nxc4? 14.dxc4 0-0 15.Qxh6+-]

[13...0-0 4.02/21 14.Qxh6 N5g6]

14.Bxf4 d6 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Rxf7 White wants to mate with Rf7-f8+!

16...Kd8 17.Rxe7?→ 2.41/23

White attacks with force. 17...Kxe7? 8.95/26

[17...Bg4 2.41/23 18.Qh6 Qf4 19.Qxf4 Bxf4]

18.Qf7+? 2.30/5

[Inferior is 18.Re4



Rf8! 19.Nd5+ (19.Qxh7+? Kd8-+; 19.Qh4+? Kd7-+) 19...Qxd5!! 20.Qh4+ Kd7 21.Qg4+ Ke8 22.Qh5+ (22.Bxd5? Rf1#) 22...Kd8 23.Qg5+ Ke8 24.Qh5+ Ke7 25.Qh4+ Ke8 26.Qh5+ (26.Bxd5? Rf1#)]

[18.Nd5+ 8.95/26 Qxd5 19.Bxd5]

18...Kd8 19.Nd5 -2.33/26 Prevents Qd4-f4. Really sharp!

[19.Re4+- 2.91/24 avoids the disaster. Re8 20.Rxd4 Bxd4 21.Ne4]

19...Re8?? #1/6

[19...Bd7-+ -2.33/26 20.Qe7+ Kc8]

20.Bb5 Weighted Error Value: White=1.52/Black=1.43

1-0

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C37

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■ Bird, Henry Edward

London

1872

[Mon Hokmome]

C37: King's Gambit Accepted: Muzio Gambit 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 g4 5.0-0 gxf3 6.Qxf3 Qe7 7.d4 Nc6 8.Bxf4N

[8.Nc3 Nxd4 (8...d6 9.Nd5 Qd7 10.Qxf4 Nd8 11.Qg3 Ne6 C 37/02)

9.Qd3 Ne6 10.Nd5 Qc5+ 11.Kh1 b5 12.Bb3 Bh6 13.Bd2 Qf8 14.Qc3 C 37/02 Qg7 15.Nxc7+ Nxc7

16.Qxc7 Ne7 17.Bc3 f6 18.e5 Rf8 19.Rae1 Ba6 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Bb4 Rc6 22.Qa5 Bg5 23.Bxe7 Bxe7 24.Rxf4 Rf6 25.Qc3 Kd8 26.Qa5+ Kc8 27.Bd5 Rb8 28.Rfe4 Rbb6 29.h3 Beranova,M (2590)-2.c4 e5 (2600) SWZ ct 1862 200 Traps In The Opening [Belgisch Schaakboard 76e jaar/année] 0-1 (41)]

[8.Qxf4 Bh6 9.Qxf7+ Qxf7 10.Bxf7+ Kd8 11.Bxh6 (11.c3 Bxc1 12.Rxc1 Nh6 C 37/02) 11...Nxb6 12.c3 Rf8 13.Bc4 Rxf1+ 14.Kxf1 d6 15.Nd2 Ke7 Chess Informant ECO Survey 2006]

8...Nxd4 9.Qd3 -1.86/22

[9.Qf2+ -0.92/24 Ne6 10.Nc3 Nxf4 11.Qxf4]

(Diagram)

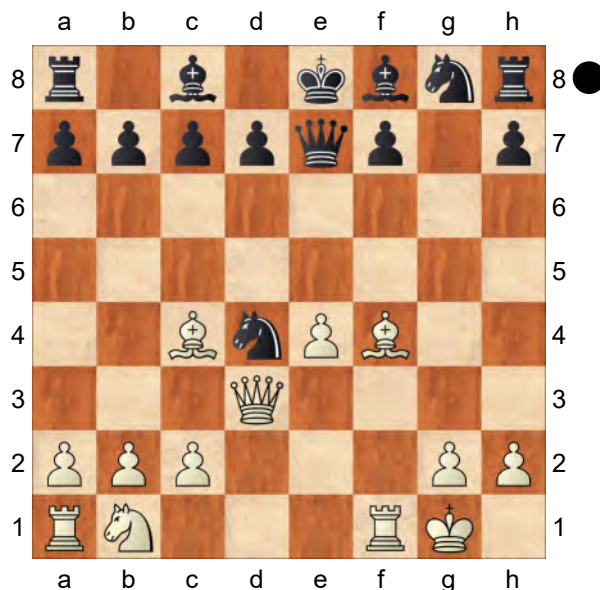
9...Bg7 -0.90/21

[9...Ne6!+ -1.86/22 is more deadly. 10.Bg3 Nh6]

10.Bxc7 -1.94/23

[10.Qg3+ -0.90/21 Bf6 11.Kh1]

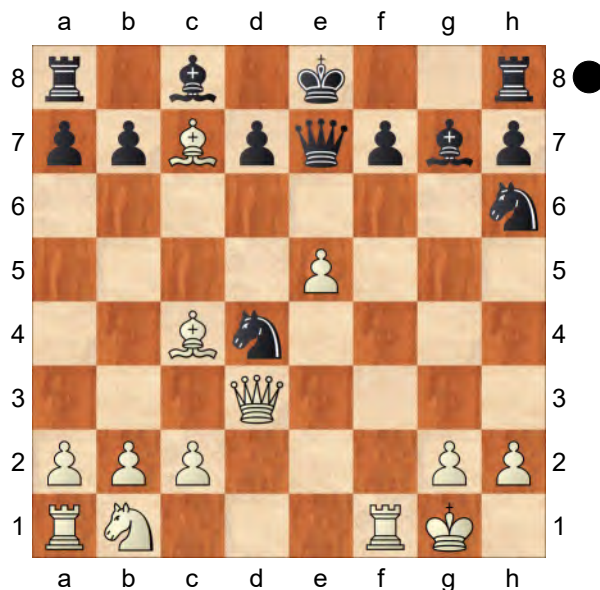
10...Nh6 -0.92/22



[10...d5!+ -1.94/23 11.Bxd5 Qxc7 12.Bxf7+ Kd8 13.Bxg8 Qxc2]

11.e5 -1.69/22

[11.Bf4+ -0.92/22 was necessary. Ng4 12.Na3]



11...Qc5?? 2.10/25

[11...Ndf5!+ -1.69/22 And now ...Qe7-c5+ would win. 12.Bd6 Nxd6 13.exd6 Qh4]

12.Bd6+- Qb6 ...Nd4-f5+ is the strong threat. 13.Kh1 Hoping for Nb1-c3.

13...Nhf5? 9.88/25

[13...Qxb2? 14.Nc3 Nhf5 15.Rab1
Qxc2 16.Qxc2 Nxc2 17.Rxf5+-]

[13...Ne6 1.74/23]

14.Nc3? 0.84/21

[14.Rxf5+- 9.88/25 has better winning
chances. Bf8 15.Nc3 Bxd6 16.exd6
Qxd6 17.Rd5]

14...Qxb2? 8.76/26

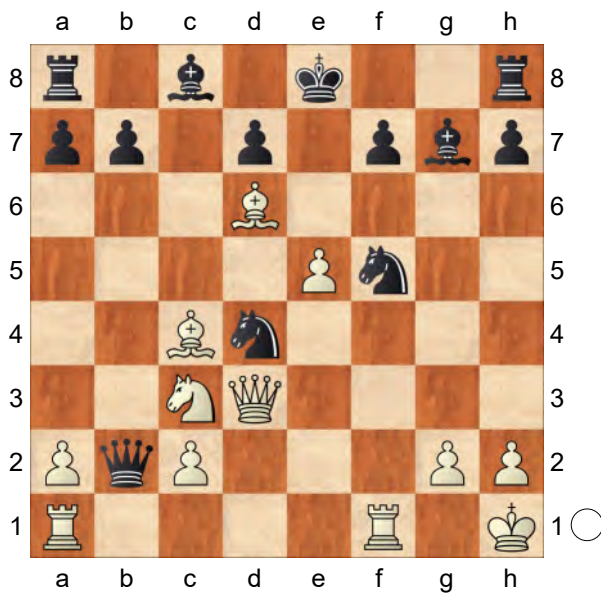
[14...Nxd6± 0.84/21 15.Nd5 Nxc4
16.Nxb6 Nxb6 17.Qxd4 d5]

d5! 16...Nxd4

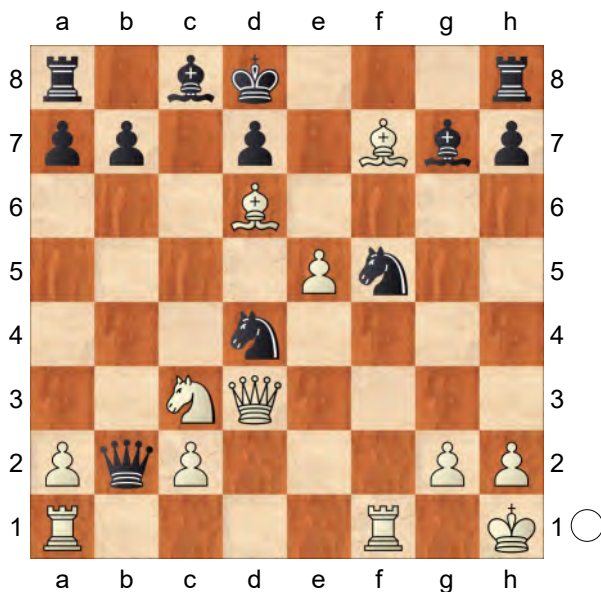
[16...Nxd6 17.Rab1]

17.Nd5 Weighted Error Value: White=1.
24/Black=1.69

1-0



15.Bxf7+! Kd8



16.Qxd4!! Threatening mate with Nc3-

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■ Bird, Henry Edward

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1870

[Mon Hokmome]

C35: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Be7
1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Bc4
Bh4+ 5.Kf1 d5 6.Bxd5 Nf6 7.Nc3
0.16/24

[Better is 7.Nxh4± 0.77/23
Hoping for Qd1-e1. Nxd5 8.exd5
(8.Qh5 Nb4±) 8...Qxh4 9.Qe2+ Kf8
10.Qf2 Qxf2+ 11.Kxf2]

7...0-0 8.Nxh4 Threatens to win with
Nh4-f3.

[8.d4 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 f5 10.Nxh4 fxe4
11.Qh5 Be6 12.Nxf4 g5 13.g3 gxh4
14.Be3 Qf6 15.Rd1 h6 16.d5 Bf7
17.Qe2 Kh7 18.Kg2 Nd7 19.Bd4
Qe7 20.Rhe1 Rfe8 21.Ne6 c5
22.Bc3 Rac8 Coope,D-Pirs,M corr
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[Milanovic,Danilo]]

8...Nxd5 Remove Defender 9.Nxd5
Qxh4N White is slightly better.

[9...f5 10.d3 fxe4 11.dxe4 Qxh4
Analyse 7.Nc3 0-0 1994]

10.Nxc7 Nc6 ...Nc6-d4! is the strong
threat.

[Don't do 10...Bg4 11.Qe1 Qh5
12.Nxa8±]

11.Nxa8 -0.57/24

[11.c3= -0.16/23 Bg4 12.Qe1 Qxe1+
13.Kxe1]

11...Nd4!± Strongly threatening ...Bc8-
g4. 12.d3? -2.51/26

[12.Qe1!= -0.01/25 Qh5 13.h3]

12...f3 13.g3 -9.36/22

[13.gxf3 gets mated. Bh3+ 14.Kg1
Nxf3+! 15.Qxf3 Qe1+]

[13.Rg1 -1.97/26 f2 14.Be3
(14.Rh1? Bg4+) 14...fxg1B

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15.Kxg1]

13...Qh3+-+ 14.Kf2 Qg2+ Skewer

15.Ke3 Nxc2+ 16.Kf4 f5 -5.08/21

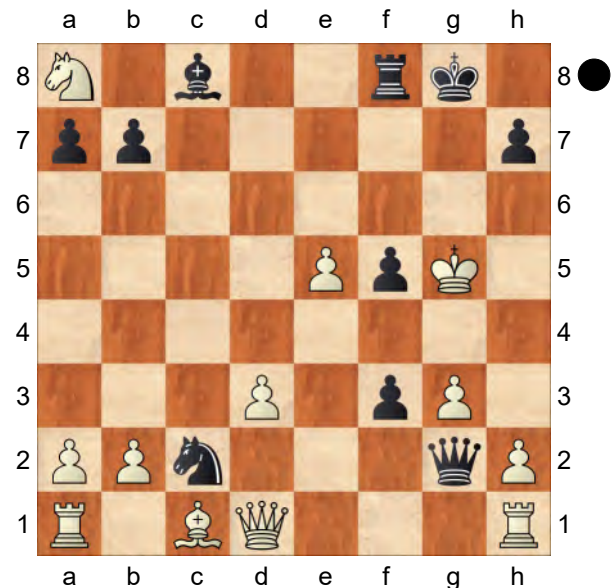
[16...f6 -12.41/23 17.Qxc2 Qxc2
18.Kxf3 Bh3]

17.e5 -#8/19

[17.Qf1-+ -5.08/21 fxe4+ 18.Ke5
Nxa1 19.Qxg2 fxg2 20.Rg1]

17...h6 -11.76/21

[17...g5+ -#8/19 18.Kxg5



Qh3! 19.Qxf3 Kg7 20.Qh5 h6+
21.Kf4 Qxh5 22.h3 Qe2 23.Rh2
Qf1+ 24.Rf2 Qxf2#]

18.h4 g5+ Deflection, Decoy. Black
mates. 19.hxg5 hxg5+ 20.Kxg5

Qxg3+ 21.Kh5 Qg4+

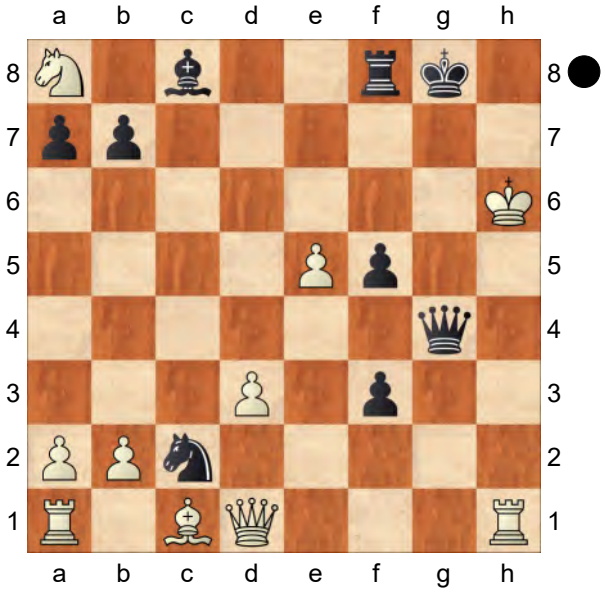
[21...Nxa1? 22.Rg1 f4 23.Rxg3+-]

22.Kh6

(Diagram)

Kf7! White did not feel at home in the
position after the opening. Weighted
Error Value: White=1.98/Black=0.78

0-1



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□ Mason, James

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Wien International-02 25years WienerSK (4)
[Mon Hokmome]

A85: Dutch Defence: 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3
1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.a3 b6N

[4...Be7 5.Bf4 h6 6.e3 0-0 7.h4 d5
8.Nf3 Ng4 9.Be2 c6 10.g3 Nd7
11.b3 Ndf6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5
Ne4 14.Nxe4 fxe4 15.h5 Qb6
16.Kf1 a5 17.Qc2 Qd8 18.Kg2 Bd7
19.a4 Hanstein, W-Von Heydebrand

und der Lasa, T Berlin 1842 EXT
2022 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (35)

[4...g6 5.Bf4 Bg7 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3
d6 8.Be2 h6 9.h3 g5 10.Bh2 Nbd7
11.Qc2 b6 12.Rd1 Kh8 13.b4 Bb7
14.d5 e5 15.Nd2 c6 16.dxc6 Bxc6
17.0-0 Rc8 18.Qxf5 Ne4 19.Qxf8+
11...Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c, 4
(2772)-15.Nc4 0-0 16.Qe5 Rab8
(2698) Wijk aan Zee 2014 Inf 42 [FS
12/1979 p311] 1-0 (43) Bxf8
20.Ndxe4 Qc7 21.Rd2 Kg7 22.Rfd1
Nf6 23.Nxd6 Bxd6 24.Rxd6 Qe7
25.Bg3 Be8 26.Rxf6 Qxf6 27.Ne4
Qg6 28.Nd6 Ba4 29.Rd5 Qb1+
30.Kh2 Rf8 31.c5 Bb3 32.Rxe5 Qc2
33.Bf3 Rxf3 34.gxf3

Chapter A50-Games Game 9 (43)
bxc5 35.bxc5 Ba4 36.Nf5+ Kg6
37.c6 h5 38.Nd4 Qc4 39.h4 gxh4
40.Bxh4 a5 41.Re6+ Kf7 42.Re7+
Kg6 43.c7 0-1 (43) Almasi, Z (2690)-
Yu, Y (2668) Tromsø 2014 CBM 162
[Szabo, Krisztian]

[4...d5 5.Bf4 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Nf3
0-0 8.h3 Ne4 9.Qc2 Nd7 10.Bd3
Ndf6 11.0-0 b6 12.b4 3...e6-N, N
[Ivan Ivani~sevi~c]

5.Bf4 Bb7 6.e3 Be7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Be2

A85

White is slightly better. 8...Ne4 9.Nxe4
fxe4 0.72/20

[9...Bxe4= 0.29/20 deserves
consideration. 10.h4 Bd6]

10.Nd2± d6 11.Bg3 Bf6 1.43/20

[11...Bh4± 0.66/20]

12.Qc2 c5 2.19/22

[12...d5± 1.34/20]

13.Nxe4+- cxd4 14.Nxd6 1.24/23

[14.Rd1+- 2.18/21]

14...Bxg2± 15.Rg1 Bc6 1.63/23

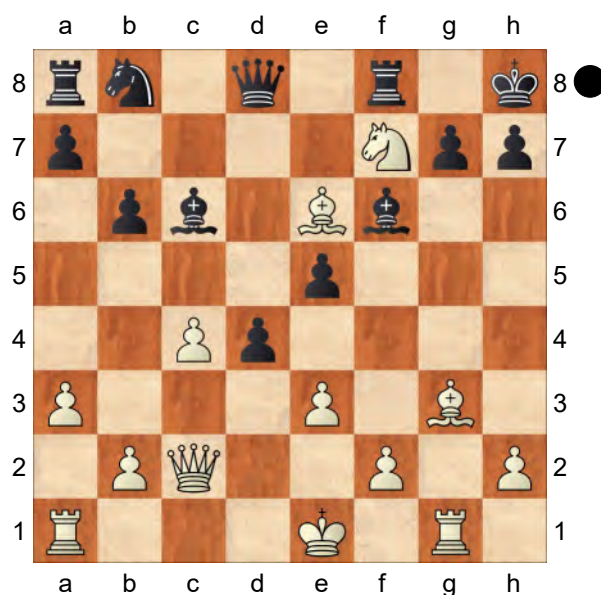
[15...e5± 1.22/22]

16.Bg4? -0.01/20

[16.Bd3+- 1.63/23]

16...e5!± Black is not keeping still

17.Be6+ Kh8 18.Nf7+



Rxf7! 19.Bxf7 d3 20.Qd2 Na6

...Na6-c5 is the strong threat. Black has
strong compensation. 21.b4 -1.04/23
Against Na6-c5

[21.Rd1!± -0.65/23 e4 22.Ra1]

21...Nc7 -0.63/24

[Black should play 21...Qd7!± -1.04/23
22.Bh5 Qf5]

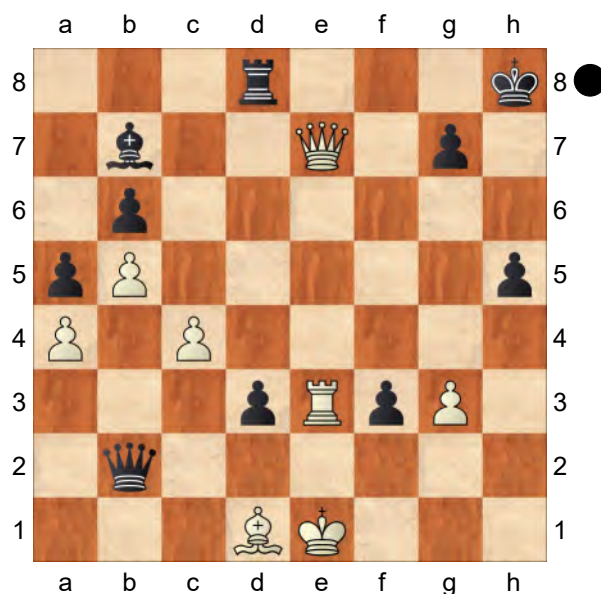
22.Bh5 e4 -0.40/20 & Nero is more
active.

[22...Qd7± -0.87/22]

23.Rc1± a5 -0.01/21

[23...Ne6 $\bar{f}$ -0.48/20]
24.b5 -0.82/24
 [24.Bg4= -0.01/21]
24...Bd7 $\bar{f}$ And now ...Bd7-f5 would win.
25.Bxc7?? -3.26/22
 [25.f3!= -0.21/21 and White stays safe. Ne6 26.fxe4]
25...Qxc7+ 26.Rg2 -4.14/24
 [26.Rg3 -2.73/23 was called for.]
26...Be6 Hoping for ...Ra8-f8. **27.Bd1** -4.14/24
 [Δ 27.Kf1 -2.92/23 Bh3 28.f4]
27...Rf8 28.Rg3 Bh4 Skewer. A strong pair of Bishops. **29.f4** -8.62/24
 [Δ 29.Qc3 -4.09/22]
29...exf3 30.Kf2 Bf5 31.Bb3 Bxg3+ 32.hxg3 Qd6 33.e4 -10.97/27
 [Δ 33.Rh1 -5.04/23 Qxa3 34.Ba2]
33...Bxe4 34.Re1 Qd4+ 35.Re3 Bg6 -7.74/26
 [Δ 35...Rf6 -18.43/24 36.Bd1 Rh6 37.Bxf3 Rh2+ 38.Ke1 Rxd2 39.Kxd2 Qb2+ 40.Ke1 d2+ 41.Kf1 Qf6! 42.Ke2 Qd4! 43.Kf2 Bxf3 44.Kxf3 d1Q+ 45.Kg2 Q4d2+ 46.Re2 Q2xe2+ 47.Kh3 Qh1#]
36.Bd1 Be4? 0.01/18
 [36...h6+- -7.65/25 37.Bxf3 Qg4 38.Rxd3 Bxd3 39.Qxd3 Qh3]
37.a4? -13.17/25
 [37.Bb3= 0.01/18 Rf6 38.Kg1 f2+ 39.Qxf2 Rxf2 40.Kxf2 Qb2+ 41.Kf1 Qg2+ 42.Ke1 Qg1+ 43.Kd2 Qf2+ 44.Kc3 Qxe3 45.a4 d2+ 46.Kb2 Qxb3+ 47.Kxb3 d1Q+ 48.Kc3 Qd3+ 49.Kb2 Qd2+ 50.Ka3 Bb1 51.g4 Qc3#]
37...h5 38.Qa2 Bb7? -3.13/25
 [38...h4 -19.08/20 ($\rightarrow$...h4xg3+) 39.g4 h3]
39.Qa3 Rd8 40.Qe7 Qb2+ -1.57/25
 [40...Bc8+- -3.42/23 aiming for ...Bc8-g4. 41.Qe5 Bg4 42.Qxd4 Rxd4

43.Re8+ Kh7]
41.Ke1? -3.88/23
 [41.Be2 $\bar{f}$ -1.57/25 was forced. Rb8 42.Qf7]



41...d2+?? 3.78/23
 [41...Rb8!+- -3.88/23 42.Rxd3 Qg2]
42.Kf2+- Qd4 Strongly threatening ...Bb7-c8. **43.Qxb7 h4**
 [43...Rf8? 44.Qe4 Qxe4 45.Rxe4]
44.Qxf3 h3 5.32/24
 [Δ 44...Kg8 3.78/23]
45.Qe4 Rf8+ 46.Kg1 Qc5 47.Qe5 Qxc4 48.Qh5+ Kg8 49.Bb3? -0.01/23
 [49.Qxh3+- 5.29/24 Rd8 50.Qe6+ Qxe6 51.Rxe6]
49...Rf1+= 50.Kh2 Qxb3
 Remove Defender. Really sharp!
51.Rxb3 White threatens Rb3-d3 and mate. **51...d1Q** Against Rb3-d3
52.Qxd1
 [52.Qe8+ with more complications. Rf8 53.Qe6+ Kh8 54.Qxh3+ Kg8 55.Qe6+]
52...Rxd1 Endgame KR-KR **53.Rf3 Rd4 54.Rf4 Rb4** 0.69/27
 [Better is 54...Rd3= 0.01/25]
55.Rxb4 $\pm$ axb4 KP-KP 56.a5

Black must now prevent a5-a6. 56...b3

[56...bxa5? 57.b6+-]

57.axb6± K3P-K3P 57...b2 58.b7 b1Q

59.b8Q+= KQ-KQ 59...Kh7 60.Kxh3

0.01/27

[60.Qe5!± 0.70/26]

60...Qh1+ 61.Kg4 Qe4+ 62.Kg5 Qd5+

63.Kf4 Qd4+ 64.Kf5 Qd5+ 0.71/29

[64...Qd7+= -0.01/23 65.Ke4 Qg4+

66.Ke3 Qg5+ 67.Kf3 Qd5+ 68.Kg4

Qd1+ 69.Kh3 Qh1+ 70.Kg4 Qd1+

71.Kh4 Qh1+ 72.Kg5 Qd5+ 73.Kh4

Qh1+ 74.Kg5 Qd5+]

65.Qe5± Qd3+ 1.14/24

[65...Qc4± 0.56/25 66.Kg5 Qc1+

67.Qf4 Qg1 68.Qh4+ Kg8 69.Qc4+

Kh8 70.Qh4+ Kg8 71.Qc4+ Kh8

72.Qh4+ Kg8]

66.Ke6 White wants to mate with Qe5-

f5+. 66...Qd8 1.38/27

[Black should try 66...Qb3+ 1.07/27

67.Kd6 Qa3+ 68.Kd7 Qa7+ 69.Qc7

Qa4]

67.Qe4+ Kg8 68.Qd5 Qb8? #18/28

[68...Qc7± 1.33/26 69.Qa8+ Kh7

70.Qh1+ Kg8]

69.Kd7+ Kh7 70.Qh5+ A wild game.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.19/

Black=0.95. Loss on time!?

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□ Mason, James

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Match Mason-Bird +11-4=4 (14) 01.1876
[Mon Hokmome]

C33: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nc3 and 3 Bc4 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 Qh4+ 4.Kf1 Bb4N

[4...d5 5.Bxd5 g5 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.d4 Ne7 8.Nf3 Qh5 9.h4 h6 10.Qd3 c6 11.Bb3 Bg4 12.e5 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qg6 14.Ne4 0-0 15.hxg5 hxg5 16.Bxf4 Nd7 17.Bxg5 Nf5 18.Kf2 Rfe8 19.Rag1 Colding, E-Zaitsev Qxd4 DESC email 1907 ZUS D57 [Salter] 1-0]

[4...g5 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nf3 (6.g3 fxg3 7.Kg2 Qh6 8.hxg3 Qg6 9.d4 d6 10.Nf3 h6 11.Rf1 Be6 12.Qd3 Nd7 13.Nb5 Kd8 14.Bxe6 Qxe6 15.Bxg5+ Bf6 16.Bf4 a6 17.Qa3 Be7 18.d5 Qxe4 19.Qc3 axb5 20.Qxh8 Ndf6 Lange, M-Anderssen, A Berlin 1852 KG [Bangiev] 1-0) 6...Qh5 7.Nd5 Kd8 8.d4 c6 9.Nc3 d6 10.h4 h6 11.Kg1 g4 12.Ne1 f3 13.Be3 f5 14.gxf3 gxf3 15.Kf2 Nf6 16.Qxf3 Qxf3+ 17.Kxf3 fxe4+ 18.Ke2 d5 19.Bb3 Bokhnak, T (2520)-2.c4 e5 (2600) USA 1848 200 Traps In The Opening [Dorner, Cranbourne] 1-0]

[4...Bc5 5.d4 Bb6 6.Nf3 Qe7 7.Bxf4 d6 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd7 11.e5 0-0-0 12.exd6 cxd6 13.Nd5 Qf8 14.Ba6 bxa6 15.Nxb6+ Kc7 16.Nd5+ 1-0 (16) Martisek, K-Prokop, P Brno 1996 EXT 1999 [Bulletin]]

5.d4 g5 0.63/19

[5...Ne7 0.39/18]

6.Nf3± White has compensation. 6...Qh5

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7.h4 Black must now prevent Kf1-g1.

7...Nc6? 1.73/21

[7...Nf6!= 0.16/19 and Black has nothing to worry.]

8.c3 0.49/20

[8.Kg1!+- 1.73/21]

8...Be7! 9.Kg1! g4 0.80/22

[9...gxh4± 0.40/20 10.Bxf4 d6]

10.Ng5± Bxg5 11.hxg5 Qxg5 12.Qf1↑

Black is under strong pressure. 12...Qg7

13.Bxf4 d6! 14.Nd2 & Bianco is more

active. 14...h5 15.Bg3 A strong pair of

Bishops. 15...Nge7 1.15/21

[15...Bd7 0.71/20]

16.Bh4 Threatens to win with Bh4-f6.

16...f5 1.49/23

[Better is 16...Rh7 1.15/20]



17.exf5 1.14/24

[White should play 17.Re1! 1.49/23

Strongly threatening e4xf5. Rf8

18.Qf4]

17...Bxf5

(Diagram)

18.d5! Qh6? 6.19/24 19.dxc6+- Qxd2

20.Re1 Against Qd2-e3+ 20...Rh7



21.Re2 Qh6 22.cxb7 Rb8 23.Qxf5

White threatens Qf5-c8+ and mate.

23...Kd8 Against Qf5-c8+ **24.Kh2**

Rh1-e1 would kill now. **24...g3+ 25.Kh3**

White wants to mate with Rh1-e1.

25...Rxb7 26.Rhe1 c5 27.Re6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/
Black=1.62

1-0

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□ Morphy, Paul

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Morphy sim against 5 masters (1.4)

[Mon Hokmome]

C35

C35: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Be7 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Bc4 Bh4+ 5.g3 fxg3 6.0-0 gxh2+ 7.Kh1 d5! 8.Bxd5 Black is better. 8...Nf6 9.Bxf7+ -1.45/21 Kxf7 10.Nxh4 Re8 -0.23/22

[Better is 10...Rf8! -1.29/20
And now ...Kf7-g8 would win. 11.d3 Kg8]

11.d3 Bh3!

[11...Kg8 12.Bg5±]

12.Qh5+ Kg8 13.Rxf6 Really sharp!

13...gxf6 14.Nc3! Black must now prevent Nc3-d5. 14...Re5 0.38/23

[14...Be6= -0.01/22]

15.Qf3± Qd7 1.53/25

[15...Be6!= 0.02/22]

16.Bf4 0.59/23

[White should try 16.Kxh2± 1.53/25
Bg4 17.Qxf6]

16...Nc6 1.08/25

[16...Qg4± 0.59/23 17.Bxe5 fxe5
18.Kxh2 Qxh4 19.Qxh3 Qxh3+
20.Kxh3 Nc6]

17.Kxh2 0.01/25

[17.Bxe5± 1.08/25 Nxe5 18.Qxf6]

17...Bg4= 18.Rg1

(Diagram)

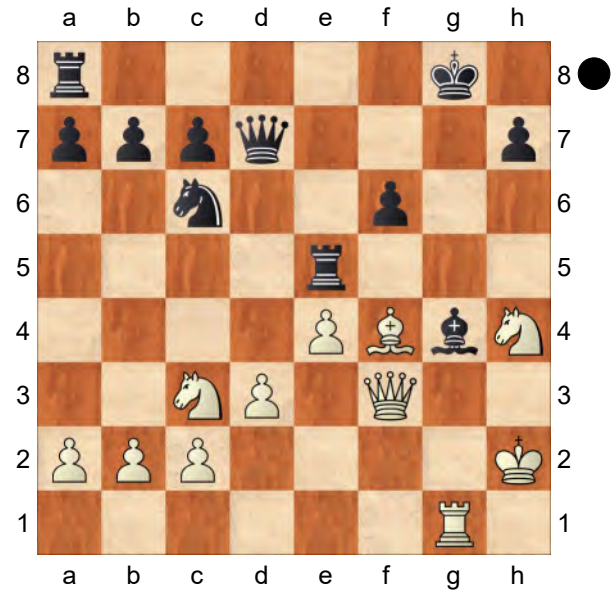
h5 1.70/20 This costs Black the game.

[18...Rg5!= -0.01/23 19.Qg3
(19.Qe3 Kh8) 19...h5]

19.Bxe5+- fxe5 2.03/24

[19...Nxe5± 1.51/23 was necessary.
20.Qxf6 Qd6 21.Qxd6 cxd6]

20.Nd5 Strongly threatening Nd5-f6+.



[20.Qf6 Qg7 21.Nd5 Rf8 22.Qxg7+ Kxg7=]

20...Nd4? 7.73/25

[20...Qf7 1.77/21]

21.Nf6+

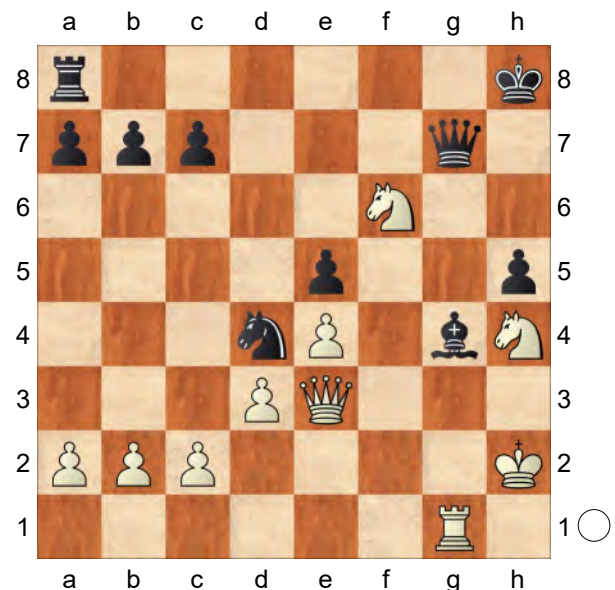
[21.Qf6 Qg7±]

21...Kh8 22.Qe3? 3.09/25

[Less strong is 22.Nxd7 Nxf3+
23.Nxf3 Bxd7+-]

[22.Ng6+ 7.78/24 Kg7 23.Nxh5+
Kh6 24.Qf6 (24.Qxg4 Qxg4
25.Rxg4 Kxh5±)]

22...Qg7



23.Nxh5 Pair of Knights! **23...Qh7**

24.Rxg4 White wants to mate with Qe3-

g5. 24...Qxh5 25.Qh3 Intending Nh4-

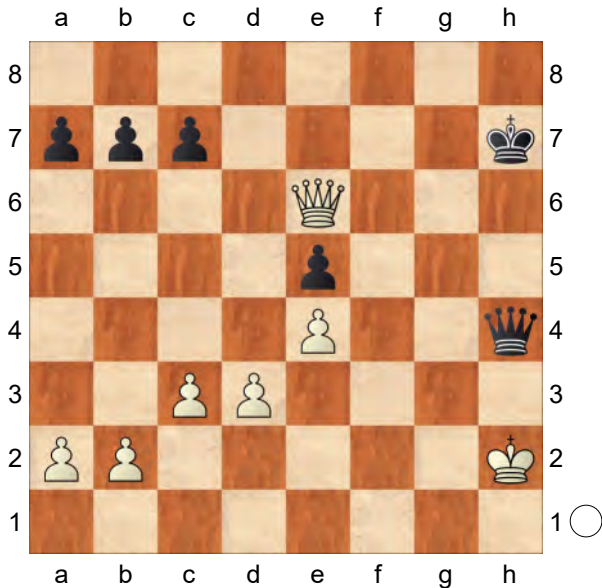
g6+ and mate. 25...Kh7 26.c3 Ne6

27.Rg6→ White goes for the king.

27...Re8 5.09/24

[27...Qe2+ 2.13/19 28.Rg2 Qh5]

28.Rxe6 Rxe6 29.Qxe6 Qxh4+



30.Qh3! Qxh3+ 31.Kxh3 Endgame KP-

KP 31...c5 8.15/27

[♞31...Kg7 4.15/20 32.b4 Kf6]

32.Kg4 Kg6 33.Kf3 Kf6 34.Ke3 Ke6

35.d4 exd4+ 36.cxd4 cxd4+ 37.Kxd4

K3P-KPP 37...Kd6 38.e5+ Ke6 39.Ke4

Ke7 40.Kd5 Kd7 41.e6+ Ke7 42.Ke5

a6 43.a3 Ke8 44.Kd6 Kd8N 45.e7+

Ke8 46.Kc7 18.84/23 Weighted Error

Value: White=0.34/Black=0.52

[♞46.Ke6 #7/19 b6 47.b3 b5 48.b4

a5 49.bxa5 b4 50.a6 b3 51.a7 b2

52.a8Q#]

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□ Noa,Josef

■ Bird, Henry Edward

London International Masters (10)

[Mon Hokmome]

B40

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd3

[6.e5 Nd5 7.Bd2 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Be7 9.Qg4 0-0 10.Bh6 g6 11.Bxf8 Bxf8 12.Qg3 Qa5 13.Bc4 Nc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.0-0 Bg7 16.Rae1 f6 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Re3 Qg5 19.Rb1 Qxg3 20.Rxg3 Be5 Uyanga,B (2668)-Hannesson,G (2646) München 2000 Telechess CBM 89 [Rizzitano James] 1-0 (38)]

6...Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd2N

[8.0-0 d5 (8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Ba6 11.c4 Qc7 12.Bc3 h5 13.e5 Ng4 14.Qe2 g6 15.Rad1 f5 16.h3 Nh6 17.c5 Bxd3 18.Rxd3 Ng8 19.Rfd1 Rh7 20.Qd2 a5 21.Qg5 Rg7 22.Rd6 Qa7 23.Bd4 6.0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 - P-Ensta, X Russia - ROW (rapid) 89/(167) 1891 Mega2023 Update 22 [Glatman] 1-0 (43)) 9.e5 Nd7 10.Qg4 Bf8 11.Re1 g6 12.h4 Bg7 13.Bf4 Qc7 14.Qg3 Bb7 15.h5 0-0-0 16.b4 Nb6 17.a4 Bf8 18.Reb1 d4 19.Ne4 Nd5 20.Nd6+ Kb8 21.Nxb7 Qxb7 22.b5 c5 Quizon,D (2466)-Moore,L (1857) Groningen 2023 17 c5, Nf6 and g6: model [John Watson] 1-0]

8...d5 9.e5 -0.18/22

[Δ9.0-0 0.17/19]

9...Nd7= 10.Qg4 Bf8 11.f4

The position is equal. 11...Rb8 0.01/19

[11...Qb6! -0.38/20 should be considered.]

12.b3 -0.32/18

[12.Na4= 0.01/19 is more appropriate.]

12...g6 0.02/18

[12...Qb6! -0.32/18]

13.0-0 Be7 14.Rae1 -0.24/18

[Δ14.Rad1 0.15/20]

14...Nc5

[14...Bb4!? 15.Nb1 Nc5=]

15.Be2! h5 16.Qh3 Bb7 17.b4 -0.47/20

[17.Kh1= 0.01/19]

17...Nd7

[17...Ne4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Qe3=]

18.a3 c5 -0.01/19

[18...a5! -0.50/20 deserves consideration.]

19.bxc5 -0.59/20

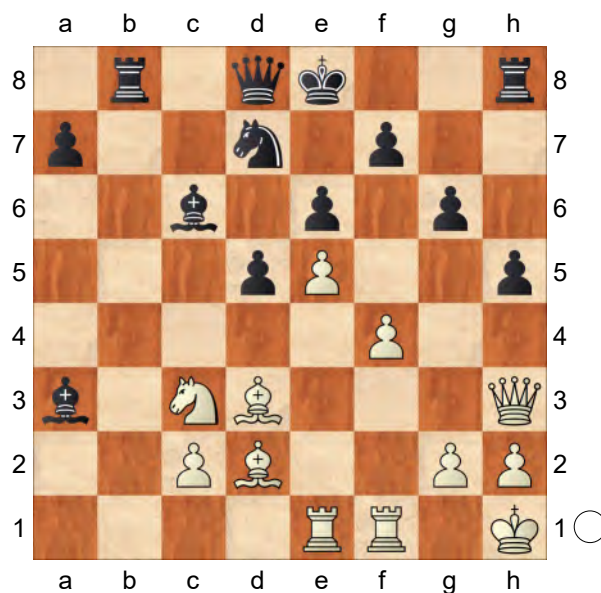
[19.Nb5= -0.01/19]

19...Bxc5+ -0.01/21

[19...Bc6 -0.59/20]

20.Kh1= Bc6 21.Bd3 Strongly threatening Bd3xg6! 21...Bxa3? 2.20/22

[21...Qe7= -0.22/20]



22.Bxg6!+- Qh3xe6+ is the strong threat. 22...Nc5 23.Bxh5 1.37/21

[Inferior is 23.Na4 Bxa4 24.Qxa3 fxg6=]

[23.f5+- 2.44/21 fxg6 24.fxg6]

23...Kd7 2.57/20

[23...d4± 1.37/21]

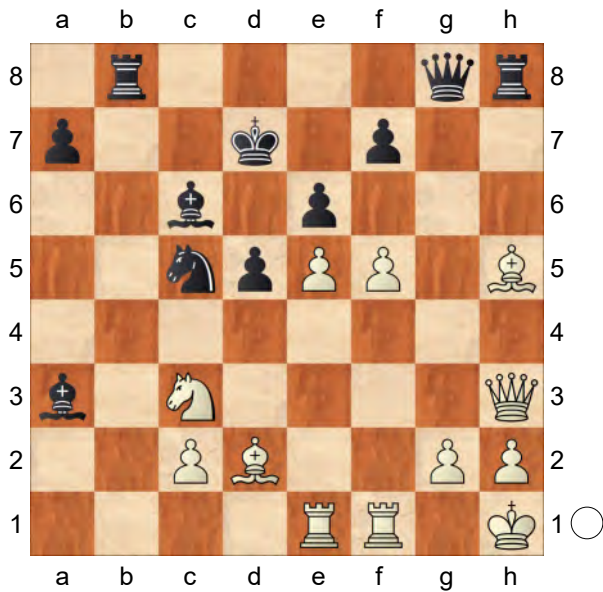
24.f5 1.33/21

[Better is 24.Ra1!+- 2.57/20 Bb4

25.Rxa7+ Kc8 26.f5 (26.Rxf7 d4=)]

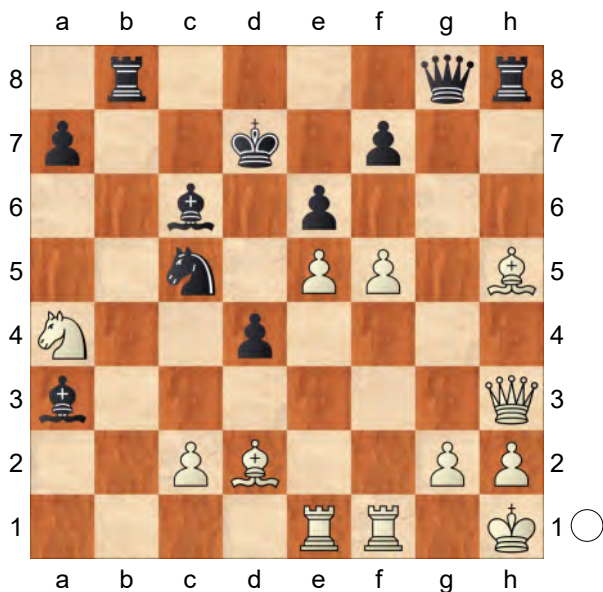
24...Qg8? 3.90/22

[24...Bb4± 1.33/21]



This costs Black the game. **25.Ne2** 2.13/23 Chess con chili.

[Δ25.Na4! 3.90/22 d4



26.Re2!]

25...Bb4 5.06/25

[25...Bb2 2.13/23 26.Nf4 d4]

26.Bxb4 Rxb4 27.Nf4

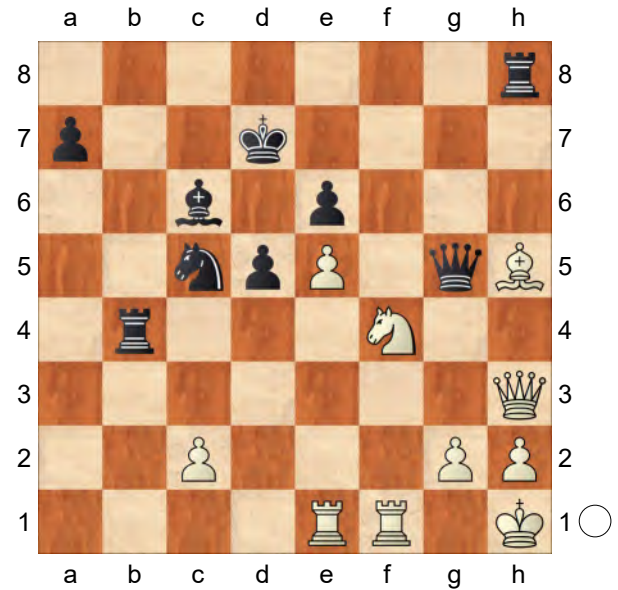
[Not 27.Bxf7 Rxh3 28.Bxg8 Rh6+-]

27...Qg5? 5.90/26

[27...Rh7 3.11/21 is a better defense.

28.Qa3 Qb8]

28.fxe6+ fxe6

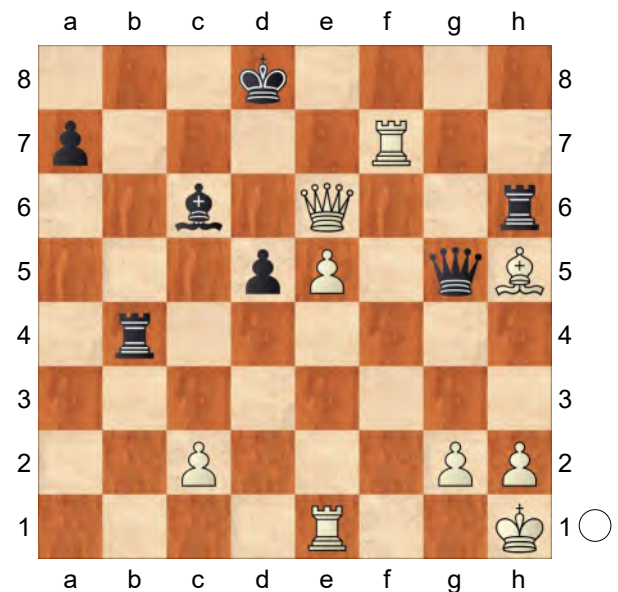


29.Nxe6 Nxe6

[29...Rxh5 30.Nxc5+]

30.Rf7+ Skewer, Deflection 30...Kd8

31.Qxe6 Rh6



32.Rf6!

White is clearly winning.

32...Bd7

[32...Rxf6 33.exf6]

33.Qd6 Rxf6 34.Qxf6+ 6.37/22

[♞34.exf6 16.30/27 Re4 35.Rb1]

34...Qxf6 35.exf6 aiming for f6-f7.

35...Rf4 36.f7 Be6 37.g3 Weighted

Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.97

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A02

□ Pollock,W..

■ Bird, Henry Edward

06.Congress USA-06.Congress New York (24)
[Mon Hokmome]

A02: Bird's Opening Khalifman,A: 'Kg2
Qf3+ Kh2 Qe2+ =' 1.f4 b6 2.Nf3 Bb7
3.e3

[3.d4 e6 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 cxd4
6.exd4 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.c3 Nf6
9.Qe2 0-0 10.Na3 d6 11.Bd2 a6
12.Nc4 Re8 13.a4 Nc6 14.Qf2 Ne7
15.Be1 Qc7 16.Ncd2 Nf5 17.h3
Nd5 Schmittdiel,E (2485)-Bischoff,K
(2525) Bad Endbach 1995 CBM 047
[Horn,Peter] 0-1]

3...e6

[3...f5 4.b3 Nf6 5.Bb2 e6 6.Be2
Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c5 9.Nc3 Nc6
10.Ne5 Ne4 11.d3 Nxc3 12.Bxc3
Nxe5 13.fxe5 Bg5 14.Qd2 Bh6
15.Rae1 g6 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.Rxf3
Bg7 18.d4 Courier,A (2167)-Dorval,
O (1842) Issy les Moulineaux 2010
EXT 2011 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (43)]

4.Be2N

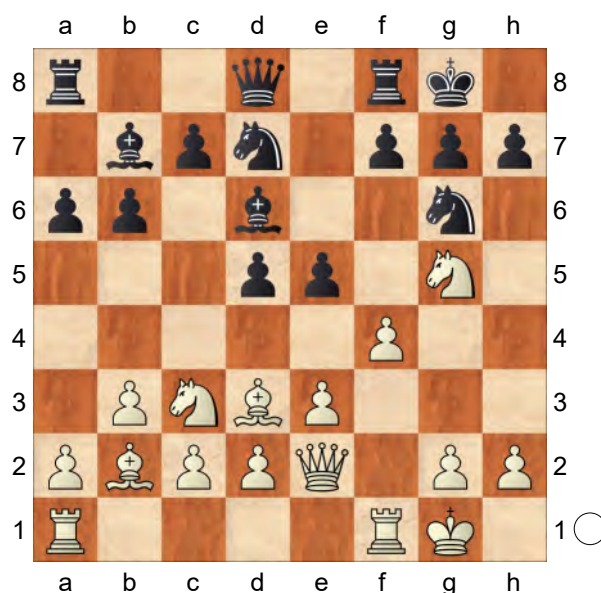
[4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2 Bf6 6.Ne5 Nh6
7.Nc3 0-0 8.Rg1 Bxe5 9.fxe5 Qh4+
10.g3 Qxh2 11.e4 Qxg1 12.Qf3
Qc5 13.0-0-0 Qxe5 14.Nd5 Qd6
15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Bd3 Qe7 17.Rh1
e5 18.Rxh6 gxh6 Carr,T (1558)-
Schoneberg,G (1365) Gausdal 2000
CCYB 4 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 19.Qf5
Kg7 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Nh5+ Kg8
22.Qxe5 f6 23.Bc4+ 1-0 (23)
Baumgarten,F (1558)-Debertshaeuser,
R (1365) Lohmar 2000 EXT 2006
[ChessBase II]]

[4.Nc3 d5 5.d4 Nf6 6.a3 Be7
7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Ne4 9.Ne5 0-0
10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Be2 Nxe5 12.fxe5

Rc8 13.c3 Qd7 14.Bd2 c5 15.Rf4
Bg5 16.Rg4 Bh6 17.Rg3 f5 18.exf6
Rxf6 Bird,H-Lasker,E Liverpool
(England) 1890 Lasker 2nd WC
[Khalifman,A] ½-½ (51)]

4...d5 5.0-0 Bd6 6.b3 Ne7 7.Bb2 0-0
8.Nc3 The position is equal. 8...a6
9.Bd3 Hoping for Nf3-g5. 9...Nd7
10.Qe2 Ng6 11.Ng5 e5 0.84/24

[11...Nf6= -0.19/21]



12.Bxg6 -0.01/22 & Bianco is much more
active. The black rooks are badly placed.

[Much worse is 12.Qh5 Nf6 13.Qh3
Bc8+]

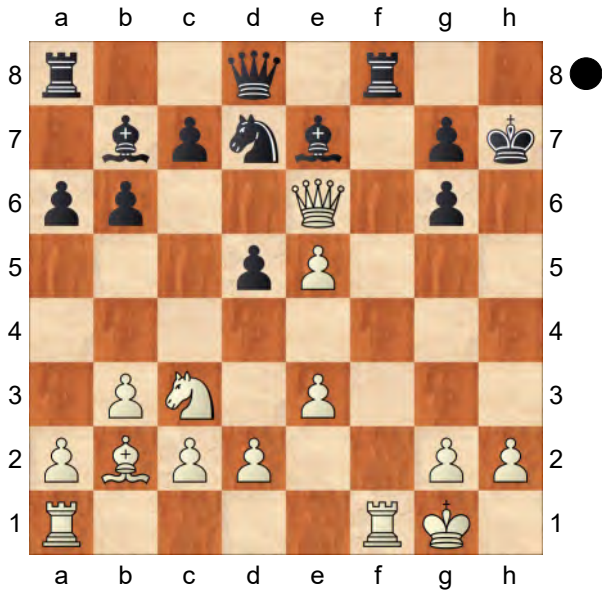
[12.fxe5!± 0.84/24 Ndx5 13.Qh5]

12...hxg6= 13.Qg4 Be7! 14.Ne6
-0.57/19 fxe6+ 15.Qxe6+ Kh7
...Rf8-f5 is the strong threat. 16.fxe5
-1.88/22

[White has to play 16.Qh3+!± -0.38/23
Kg8 17.Qe6+ Kh7 18.Qh3+ Bh4
19.g3]

(Diagram)

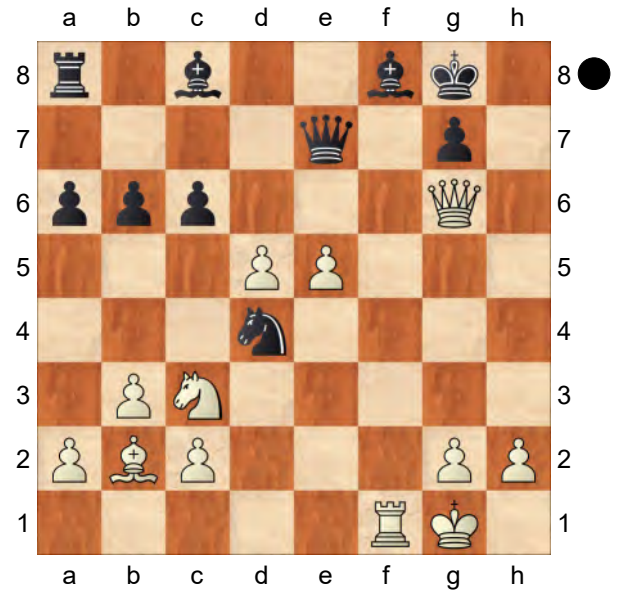
16...Nc5 -0.68/21



[16...Bg5!+ -1.88/22 aiming for ... Qd8-e7. 17.Qh3+ Bh6]
17.Qh3+ Kg8 18.d4 Bc8 19.Qg3 -1.34/23
 [19.Rxf8+ ♣ -0.53/22 Qxf8 20.Qg3]
19...Ne6 ♣
 [19...Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Bf5 21.dxc5±]
20.Qxg6 c6 0.01/19
 [20...c5 ♣ -1.20/20 21.Rxf8+ Nxf8]
21.Rxf8+!= Remove Defender 21...Bxf8
 [Don't take 21...Qxf8 22.Rf1 Qd8 23.e4± (23.Qf7+ Kh8±)]
22.Rf1 ♣ White is not keeping still
22...Qe7 Inhibits Qg6-f7+. 23.e4 Nxd4 24.exd5

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with Nc3-e4. **24...Bf5 25.Rxf5** Dancing on a razor blade.
25...Nxf5 26.Ne4? -3.44/23
 [26.Qxf5= -0.18/22 cxd5 27.Kf1]
26...Qh4+ 27.Nf6+? -5.91/23
 [27.Qe6+ -3.24/23 was necessary. Kh8 28.Qxf5 Qe1+ 29.Qf1 Qxe4 30.d6]
27...Kh8 28.g3 Qh3 29.Ng4 -#13/23
 [29.d6+ -4.39/20 gxf6 30.exf6]



29...Bc5+ 30.Nf2 Bxf2+ -5.12/5
 [♠30...Rf8 -21.19/23 (→ ...Nf5-e3!)
 31.e6 Bxf2+ 32.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 33.Ke1 Qg1+ 34.Ke2 Nxc3+ 35.Qxc3 Qxc3 36.Bd4 Rf3 37.Bxb6 Qg2+ 38.Bf2 Qxf2+ 39.Kd1 Qg1+ 40.Ke2 Qg2+ 41.Ke1 Rf1#]
31.Kxf2 Qxh2+ -11.57/21
 [♠31...Rf8 -23.67/23 32.Ba3 Qxh2+ 33.Kf3 Nh4+ 34.Kg4 Nxc3 35.Bxf8 Nxf8 36.dxc6 Qxc2]
32.Kf3 Rf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/Black=0. 62. Loss on time!?
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C33

□ Schmid, Carl Friedrich

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Wiesbaden (5)

06.07.1880

[Mon Hokmome]

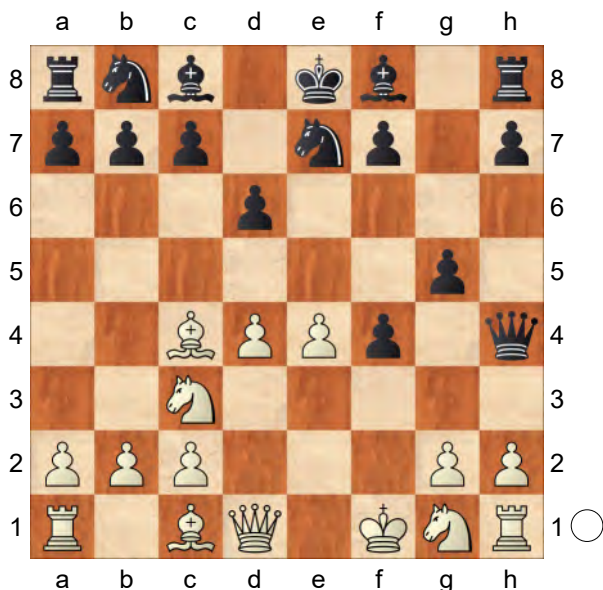
1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 Qh4+ 4.Kf1
d6 5.d4 g5 0.22/21

[5...Be6 -0.30/19 6.Qd3 Nd7]

6.Nc3= White has compensation.

6...Ne7 0.51/22

[Better is 6...Be6= 0.00/20 7.d5 Bd7]



7.g3 -0.13/21

[7.Nf3!± 0.51/22 Qh6 8.h4]

7...Bh3+ 0.60/22

[7...fxg3= -0.13/21 8.h3 g4]

8.Kf2!± White is slightly better. 8...Qh6

9.Qf3 -0.16/19

[9.Nxh3± 0.40/19 Qxh3 10.Kg1
(10.gxf4 Qh4+ 11.Kf3 Qh3+ 12.Kf2
Qh4+ 13.Kf3 Qh3+ 14.Kf2=)]

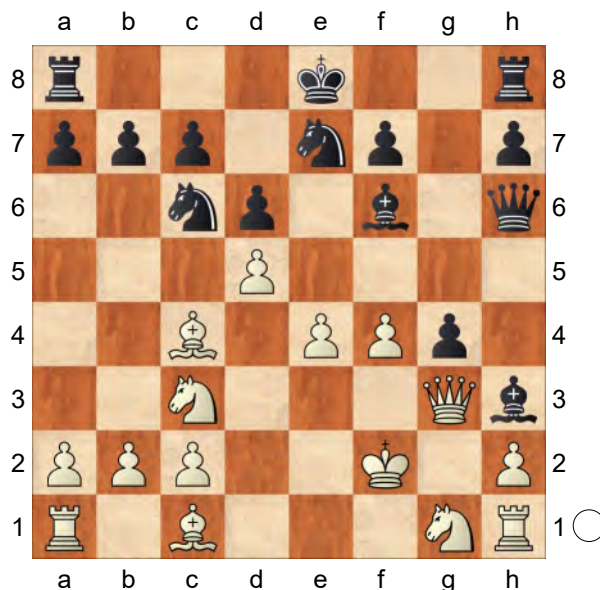
9...Nbc6 0.56/21

[Black should play 9...Bd7= -0.16/19]

10.gxf4 0.06/21

[10.Nxh3± 0.56/21 Qxh3 11.Ne2]

10...g4= 11.Qg3 Bg7 12.d5 Bf6
1.56/21



13.f5!±

[13.dxc6 Bh4 14.cxb7 Bxg3+
15.hxg3 Rb8±]

13...Qh5 Threatens to win with ...Nxf5!

14.Nxh3 Bh4 Strongly threatening ...

Nd4. 15.Nf4 0.56/22

[15.dxc6!± 1.54/23 Nxf5 Pin
(15...Bxg3+? too greedy. 16.hxg3
0-0-0 17.Be3+-; 15...gxh3? 16.cxb7
Bxg3+ 17.hxg3+-) 16.cxb7]

15...Bxg3+± 16.Kxg3 Qh6 17.dxc6
bxc6 18.Nd1? -1.15/21

[And not 18.Kxg4 Rg8+ 19.Kf3 d5±]

[18.Bf1!± 0.58/19 stays ahead. Qf8

19.Nh5 (19.Kxg4 Rg8+ 20.Kf3

Qh6=)]

18...d5!↑ White is under strong pressure.

19.Be2 -1.42/22

[19.Bb3 -0.99/21]

19...Rg8 -0.64/21 The board is on fire.

[19...dxe4± -1.42/22 20.Ne3 0-0-0]

20.Bxg4 -4.55/24

[20.Ne3± -0.64/21]

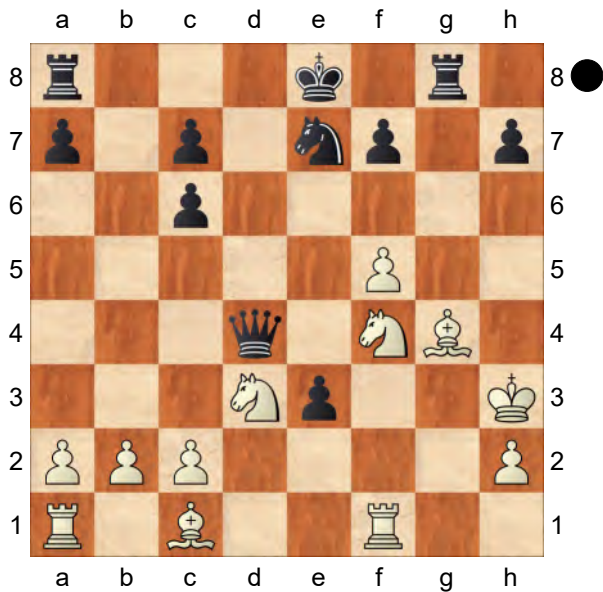
20...Qd6 21.Kh3 dxe4 And now ...

Rxg4! would win. 22.Nf2 Qd4 23.Rf1

e3 24.N2d3 -6.81/22

[24.Ne2 -4.26/21 Qf6 25.Ng3 exf2

26.Rxf2]



24...h5!-+ 25.Bf3 Prevents Qe4

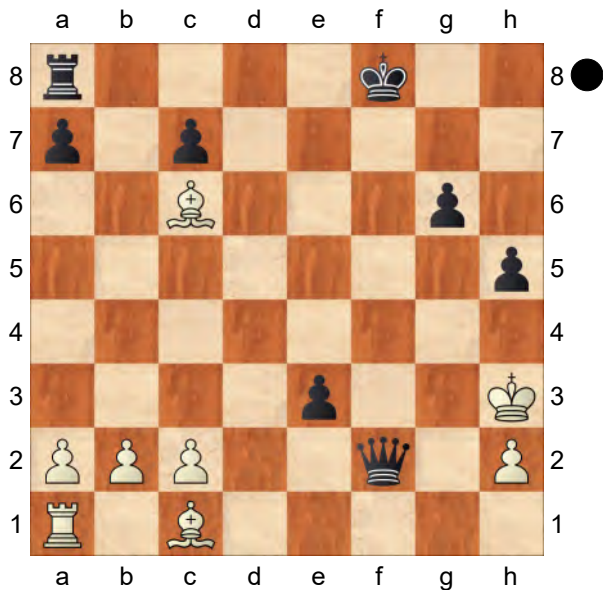
[25.Bxh5 Nxf5]

25...Qf6 26.Be4 Qg5 27.Ne5

Dodges Qg4+ 27...Nxf5 28.Bxc6+ Kf8

29.Nfg6+ Rxc6 30.Nxc6+ fxg6

31.Rxf5+ Qxf5+ 32.Kg2 Qf2+ 33.Kh3



g5! What a bad dream for White.
 Weighted Error Value: White=1.09/
 Black=0.30. Loses game: White=1 ---
 Mistake: White=7 Black=5 Inaccurate:
 White=2 --- OK: White=4 Black=5 Best: --

- Black=5 Strong: White=2 Black=1
0-1

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□ Steinitz Wilhelm

■ Bird, Henry Edward

It Vienna

[Mon Hokmome]

D37

1873

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3
 Nbd7 5.e3 Bd6 6.Nb5 0.01/21

[6.c5± 0.38/19 Be7 7.b4]

6...Be7= 7.Qc2 c6 8.Nc3 The position
 is equal. 8...0-0 9.Bd3 dxc4 10.Bxc4
 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.0-0 b6 13.e4
 Bb7 14.Bg5 Qc8 -0.01/18

[14...h6± -0.35/21 should be
 considered. 15.Bh4 Qc7]

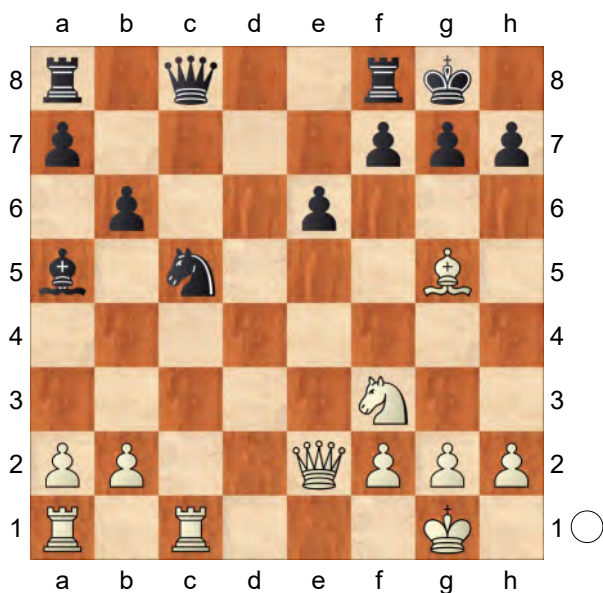
15.Qe2 Bb4 And now ...Bb4xc3 would
 win. 16.Bd3

[16.Bxf6!? Nxf6 17.Rac1=]

16...Bxc3 17.Rfc1! Pin 17...Nxe4?
 1.57/25 18.Bxe4± Bxe4 19.Qxe4 Nc5
 20.Qe2 1.17/24

[Better is 20.Qb1+- 1.88/25]

20...Ba5



21.Rab1 0.28/23

[21.Qb5!± 1.15/22]

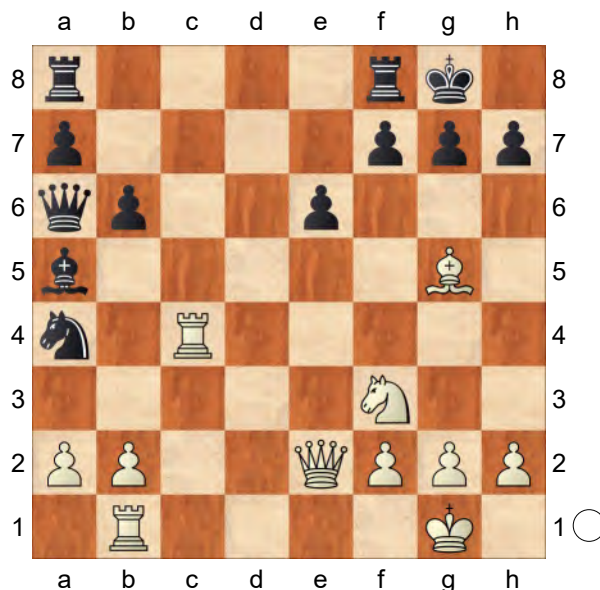
21...Qa6 0.70/23

[21...h6!= 0.28/23]

22.Rc4!±

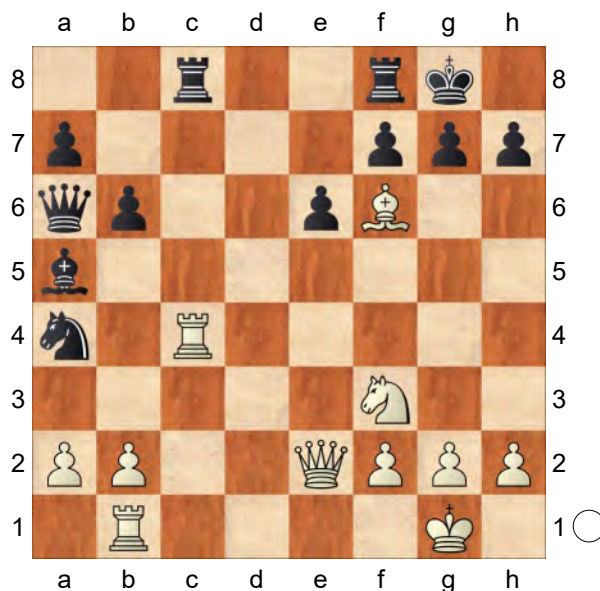
White has compensation.

22...Na4? 3.97/25



A mistake that costs the game. 23.Bf6!+-
 Hoping for Rc4-g4! 23...Rfc8

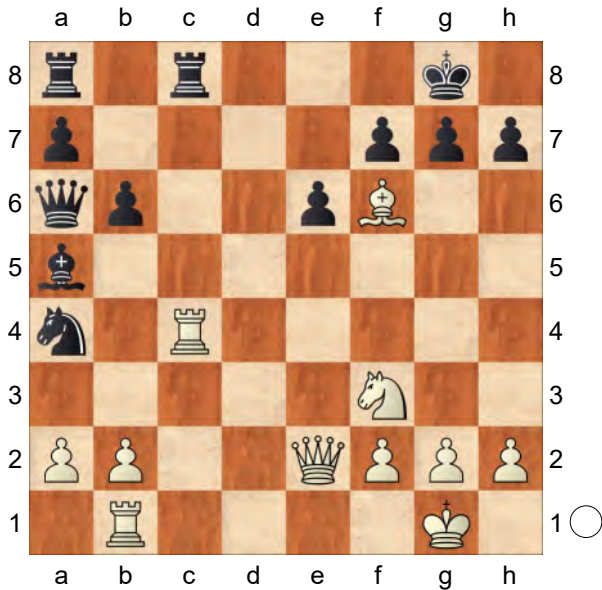
[23...Rac8?]



24.Rg4! (24.Rbc1? Nc3-+) 24...g6
 25.Qxa6+-]

(Diagram)

24.Qe5! White threatens Qe5-g5! and
 mate. 24...Rc5



29 (precise) /Black=0.88
1-0

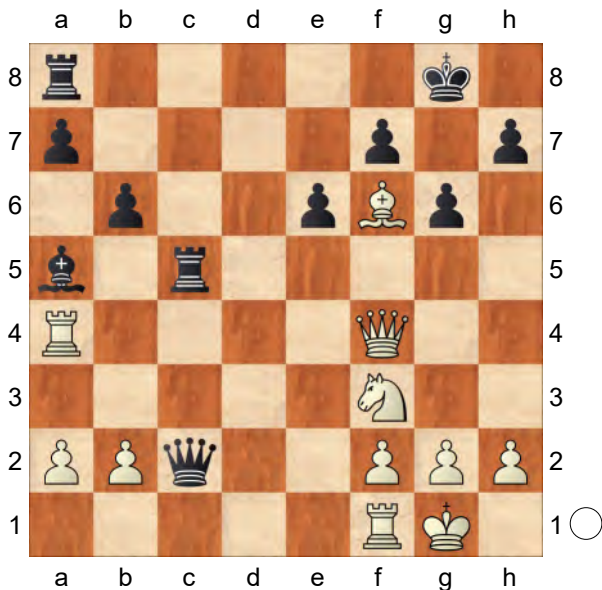
[24...Qxc4? 25.Qg5 Qc1+ 26.Rxc1]
25.Qg3 g6 26.Rxa4 Qd3 27.Rf1 Qf5N
6.61/23

[27...Rf5 4.08/24 28.Qh4 Rh5]

[27...Rac8 28.Rd4 Qf5 29.Qf4 Qc2
30.Qh6 1-0 (30) Schmidt,G-Von
Buenau,H USSR 44/ 387 1921 CBM
084 Extra [Abreu Delgado,A]]

28.Qf4 Qc2? #5/12

[28...Rac8+- 3.52/23 29.a3 a6
30.Qxf5 Rxf5]



29.Qh6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.

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C01

□ Steinitz, William

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Match Steinitz-Bird +7-5=5 (13) 10.1866
[Mon Hokmome]

C01: French: Exchange Variation
ChessCalisthenics: 'C15: French: 3 Nc3
Bb4: Unusual White 4th moves' 1.e4 e6
2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.exd5
exd5 6.Bd3 Bg4 0.22/21

[6...Nc6 -0.14/17 7.Nge2 Be6
8.Na4 h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nc5 Bc8
11.c3 Qd6 12.0-0 b6 13.Nb3 Ne7
14.Ng3 g6 15.Re1 0-0 16.Qd2 Kg7
17.Rad1 Bg4 18.f3 Bd7 19.Nc1 Bg5
20.Qe2 Nc6 21.Qc2 Rfe8
Wessel, I (2392) -Janoschka, A (2667)
Wijk aan Zee 2004 200 Traps In The
Opening [FS 494] 0-1 (52)]

7.f3N

[7.Nge2 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 0-0 9.0-0-0
c6 10.Rhe1 Bd6 11.Qf3 Nbd7
12.Qh3 h6 13.Bxh6 Qc7 14.Be3
Rfe8 15.g4 Nf8 16.g5 Ne4 17.Nxe4
dxe4 18.Bc4 b5 19.Bb3 a5 20.g6
Nxc6 21.Rg1 a4 Schmidt, G-
Cibickova, Z Leningrad 48/231 1921
CBM 117 ext [Dragan Solak] 1-0
22.Rxc6 axb3 23.Rxc7+ Kxc7
24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Rg1+ Bg3 26.Bf4
1-0 (26) Alekhine, A-Lista Bratislava
1933 [ChessCalisthenics]]

7...Be6 8.Nge2 c5 9.dxc5 White is
slightly better. 9...Bxc5 10.Qd2 Nbd7
0.71/22

[10...Nc6= 0.18/22 remains equal.]

11.Bb5± Be7 0.97/23

[11...0-0± 0.63/23 might be stronger.]

12.0-0-0 & Bianco is more active. 12...0-0

13.Bxd7 0.43/24

[13.Nf4± 0.99/22]

13...Nxd7 1.40/24

[Black should try 13...Qxd7± 0.43/24
14.Kb1 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6]

14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nf4 Nb6 16.Rhe1

[16.Nfxd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5
18.Qxd5 Rae8±]

16...Rfd8 17.Qe3 Strongly threatening
Nc3xd5! 17...Nc4 2.15/23

[17...Qf6± 1.18/22 was called for.]

18.Nfxd5 Pair of Knights! 18...Qf8
1.90/24

[18...Nxe3± 1.58/22 might work
better. 19.Nxe7+ Kf8 20.Rxd8+
(20.Rxe3 Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1 Kxe7±)
20...Rxd8]

19.Qf4 1.06/22

[19.Qg5+- 1.90/24]

19...Bxd5 2.40/23 This costs Black the
game.

[19...b5± 1.06/22]

20.Nxd5+- Rxd5? 4.25/24

[20...b5 2.35/24 was necessary.
21.Qe4 f6]

21.Rxd5

[21.Qxc4 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 g6±]

21...Qb4 22.Re4 2.40/26

[22.Re7 Qxe7 23.Qxc4 Qe3+
24.Rd2 Qg1+ 25.Rd1 Qxc2=]
[22.Qe4 4.11/28]

22...Qxb2+ 23.Kd1 Qb1+ 24.Ke2

[24.Qc1 Nb2+ 25.Kd2 Qxa2±]

24...Qxc2+ 25.Ke1 b5 4.55/24

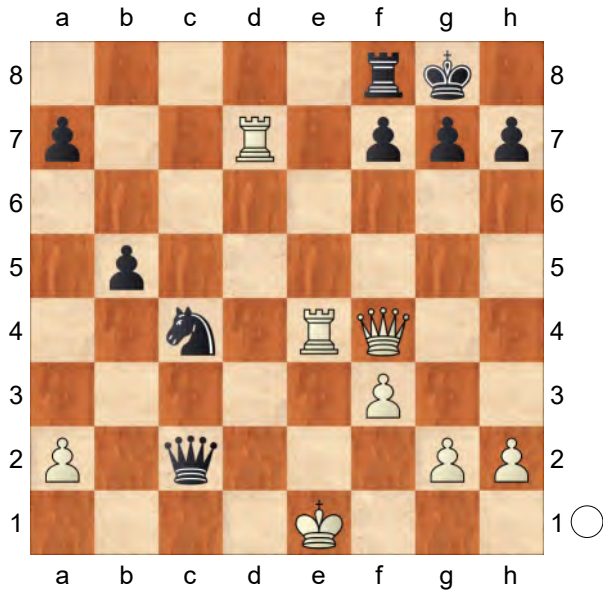
[25...Rc8? 26.Rxc4! Qb1+ 27.Rd1
Re8+ 28.Re4 Qb4+ 29.Kf2 Qb2+
30.Rd2 Qb6+ 31.Qe3 Qxe3+
32.Kxe3+-]
[25...Nb6 2.23/21 26.Qd2 Qc8]

26.Rd7 Rf8

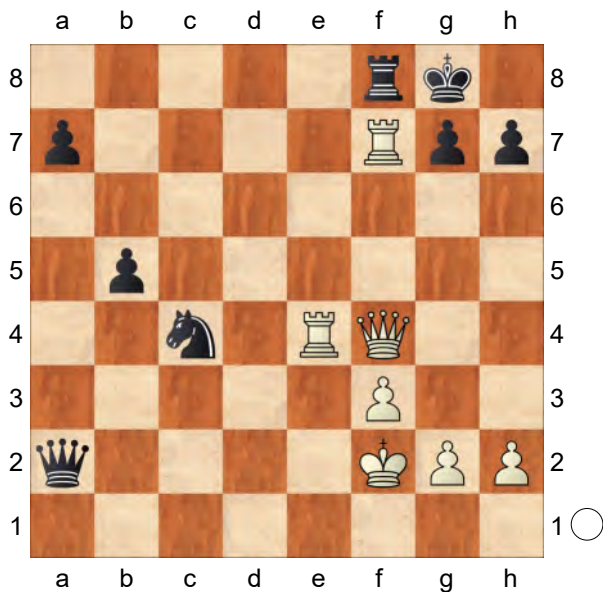
(Diagram)

27.Rxf7!! Qb1+

[27...Rd8 leads to mate. 28.Rxc7+!!
Kxc7 29.Qg5+ Kh8 30.Qxd8+ Kg7



31.Qg5+ Kf8 32.Qf6+ Kg8 33.Re8#]
28.Kf2 Qxa2+



29.Kg3! Qa3 30.Rxf8+ Qxf8
Endgame KQR-KQN 31.Qg5 Qd6+
32.Kh3 Qd7+ 33.g4 Hoping for Re4-e7.
[Not 33.Qg4 Qxg4+ 34.Kxg4 Kf7±]
33...h6 34.Qg6 And now Re4-e8+ would
win. 34...Nd6 Prevents Re4-e8+.
35.Rd4 Qb7 36.Qxd6 Black must now
prevent Qd6-e6+. 36...Qxf3+ 37.Qg3
Qf6 38.Qd3 White wants to mate with
Rd4-d8+. 38...a5 39.Rd8+ Kf7
40.Qd5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.

15 (very precise) /Black=0.70
1-0

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□ Steinitz, William

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Match Steinitz-Bird +7-5=5 (7) 09.1866
[Mon Hokmome]

C10

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black
3rd moves and 3...dxe4 1.e4 e6 2.d4
d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 f5

[4...Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6
7.c3 c5 8.Be3 Qc7 9.Ne5 a6
10.Qa4+ Nd7 11.0-0-0 cxd4
12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Qc2 Bc5 14.Bxd4
Bxd4 15.Rxd4 Qc7 16.Bd3 Bd7
17.g3 h6 18.Rd1 0-0-0 19.Rc4
Ellithorpe, G (2742) -Buchicchio, G
(2757) Chicago 2002 CBM 068
[Chelushkina, I; Prudnikova, S] 1-0
(47)]

[4...Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7
7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Be7 9.Re1 Bxf3
10.Qxf3 c6 11.c3 0-0 12.Bc2 Re8
13.Bd2 Qb6 14.b3 Rac8 15.Rad1
c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Ne4 Be7 18.c4
Qa6 19.Bc3 Deltour, Q (2492)-Dub, Z
(2406) Neustadt an der Weinstrasse
G 2018 E38 [Martz, W] 0-1 (98)]

5.Ng5 Be7 1.18/19

[5...Nc6± 0.54/18]

6.N1h3N

[6.h4 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qd6 8.Qe2 Nd5
9.c3 Nc6 10.N1h3 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5
12.Nf4 Nxc4 13.Qxc4 c6 14.Nxd5
cxd5 15.Qd4 Bxg5 16.hxg5 0-0
17.Qh4 Qe7+ 18.Be3 g6 19.0-0-0
b6 20.Bd4 Rf7 Grob, H-Von Planta, R
corr Switzerland 1941 OM Corr
202003 [Grob v1, g48 FSZ#222] 1-0]

6...Nc6 7.Bb5 0.88/19

[Δ7.c3 1.33/22]

7...Nf6 8.0-0 0.28/21

[8.Nf4± 0.92/21]

8...0-0 0.95/19

[8...h6= 0.28/21 remains equal.]

9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Nf4 Qd6 1.22/20

[Δ10...Re8 0.86/20]

11.c4 0.79/22

[Δ11.Re1 1.22/20]

11...c5 1.47/22

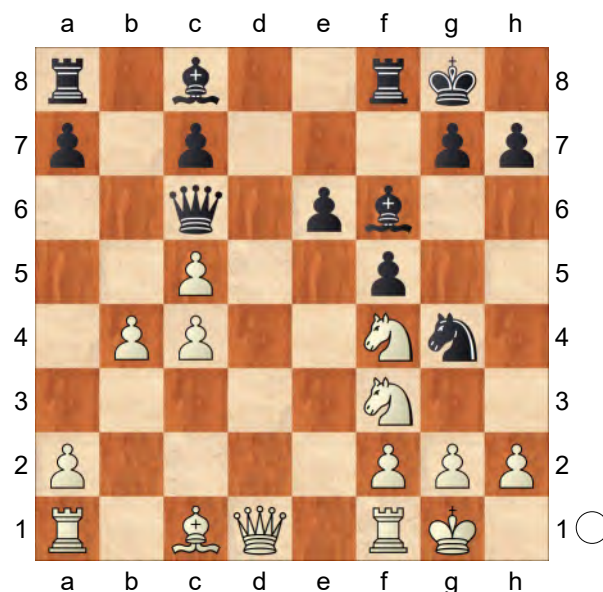
[Black should try 11...e5 0.79/22

12.dxe5 Qxe5]

12.dxc5 Qc6 13.b4! Black must now
prevent Bc1-b2. 13...Ng4 14.Nf3
aiming for Nf3-d4. Pair of Knights!

14...Bf6 1.84/22

[14...Qe4± 1.45/22]



15.Rb1!+- g5? 3.15/22

[15...Rd8 1.63/21 16.Qb3 a5]

16.Nd3 Hoping for h2-h3. 16...e5

17.Nxg5 h2-h3 is the strong threat.

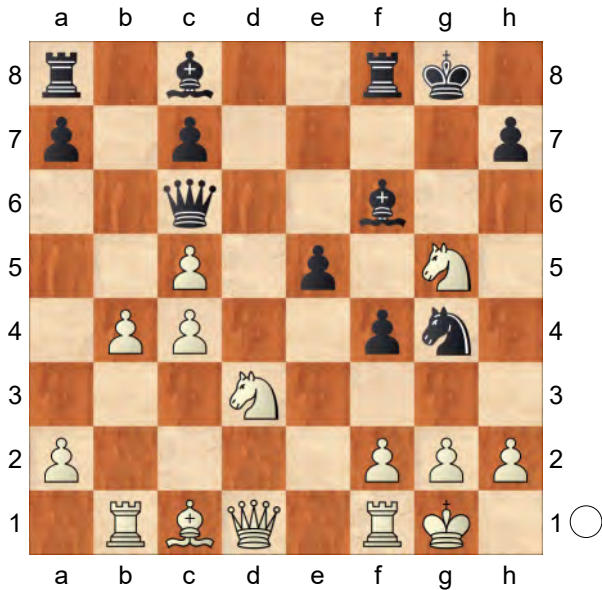
17...f4 2.58/22

[17...Bb7? 18.f3 Bxg5 19.Bxg5]

[17...e4± 1.39/22 was worth a try.]

(Diagram)

18.b5! Qe8 19.Ne4 Strongly
threatening h2-h3. 19...Bf5 20.f3
And now Rf1-e1 would win. 20...Nxb2



2.80/23

[20...Rd8 1.75/19 21.Rb3 Qd7]

21.Kxh2 Qh5+ 3.51/5

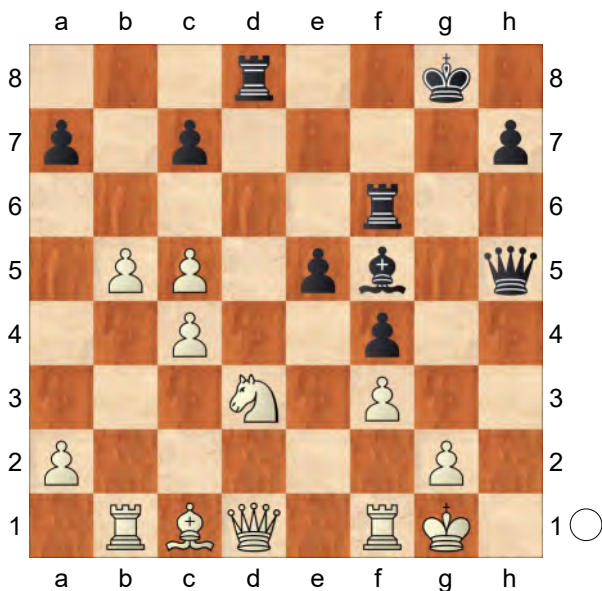
[21...Rd8 2.44/20 keeps fighting.
22.Kg1 Bh4]

22.Kg1 Rad8? 6.65/22

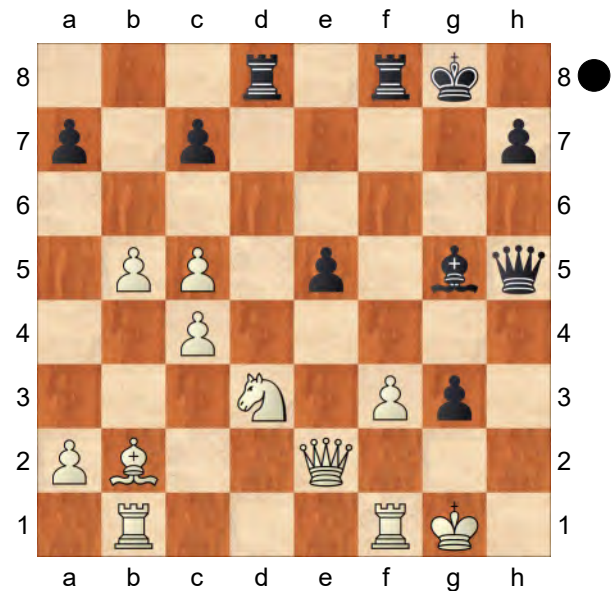
[22...Bh4 3.57/20]

23.Qe2? 2.10/21

[23.Nxf6+ 6.65/22 Rxf6

24.Nxf4! Rxd1 25.Nxh5 Rxf1+
26.Kxf1]23...Bh4 (→ ... Bh4-g3) 24.g4 fxg3
25.Bb2?? -7.72/25[25.Nxe5+- 1.64/20 Rde8 26.Bf4
Bxe4 27.Qxe4]

25...Bxe4+- 26.Qxe4 Bg5 27.Qe2

A g a i n s t Q h 5 - h 2 + 27...Be3+!
Black mates. 28.Rf2 Qh2+ Pin, Double
Attack 29.Kf1 Qh1# What a bad dream
for White. Weighted Error Value:
White=0.87/Black=0.44

0-1

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□ Steinitz, William
 ■ Zukertortbirdhoff

London

C33

1880

[Mon Hokmome]

C33: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nc3 and 3 Bc4 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.d4 d5 4.exd5 Qh4+ 5.Ke2 Bd6 -0.17/19 & Nero is more active.

[5...Bg4+ ♗ -0.69/19 6.Nf3 Nd7]

6.c4= c5N

[6...b6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Kd2 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nd7 10.a3 a5 11.Nc3 Ne7 12.Kc2 0-0 13.Bd3 Ng6 14.Bd2 Qf6 15.Ne4 Qxd4 16.Bc3 Qe3 17.Qxe3 fxe3 18.Rae1 Bf4 19.g3 Bh6 20.Bd4 Rae8 21.h4 Entem,A (2175) - Giraud,T (1849) Sautron 2015 EXT 2019 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (46) Nge5 22.Bxe3 Nxd3 23.Kxd3 Ne5+ 24.Kc3 Nf3 25.Bxh6 Nxe1 26.Rxe1 f5 27.Nf6+ gxf6 28.Rf1 Rf7 29.Rxf5 Re5 30.Rf3 f5 31.Rd3 Re4 32.b4 axb4+ 33.axb4 Rd7 34.Rf3 b5 35.Rxf5 Rxc4+ 36.Kb3 Freeman,N-13.c5 g5 14.a4 Ng6 Game 8 1883 CBM 91-C47 [Thaler, Anton (Knobel, Rolf)] 0-1 (46)]

7.Nf3 -0.53/21

[7.Qe1!= -0.08/21 is superior. Qe7+ 8.Kd1]

7...Bg4 0.15/20

[Black should try 7...Qe7+ ♗ -0.53/21 8.Kf2 Nf6]

8.Nc3 Hoping for Nc3-b5. The position is equal.

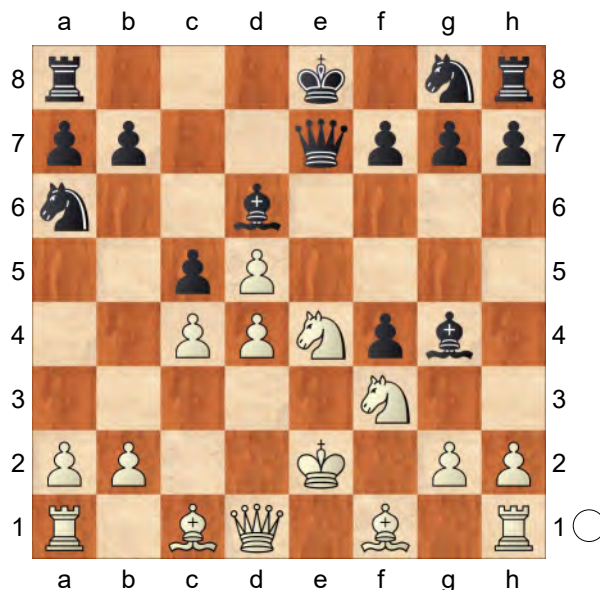
[8.Kd3 Qf6 9.dxc5 (9.Kc3 Nd7 ♗) 9...Bf5+ 10.Kd2 Bxc5 ♗]

8...Na6 0.76/21

[8...Nd7!= -0.08/20 remains equal.]

9.Ne4± Qe7

(Diagram)



10.Kf2! Qxe4 11.Bd3 Bxf3 12.Qa4+ Kf8 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.Re1 -0.01/19

[White should play 14.Qd7± 0.59/21 Bc7 15.d6 (15.Re1 Nf6±)]

14...Nf6± Black is not keeping still

15.Bd2 g5

[15...cxd4 16.b4 ♗]

16.b4 cxd4 17.c5 Be5 And now ...Na6-c7 would win. 18.Qa3? -1.81/19

[18.Kg1= 0.01/19]

18...Ng4+ -0.60/21

[Better is 18...Nc7+- -1.81/19 19.d6 Ncd5]

19.Kg1 ♗ Ne3!

[19...Bxd5?! 20.b5 Nc7 21.c6+ Kg7 22.Rxe5 Nxe5 23.Qd6=]

20.Bxe3? -1.59/21

[20.b5= 0.01/16 Nc7 21.c6+ Kg7 22.d6 (22.Qe7? Rae8+-)]

20...dxe3 -0.89/17

[♖20...fxe3 -1.59/21 21.d6 Kg7]

21.b5 -1.40/23

[♖21.d6 -0.89/17]

21...Nc7! ♗

[Don't play 21...Bxd5 22.bxa6 Kg7 23.Rad1±]

[Don't take 21...Bxa1 22.Rxa1 Nc7 23.c6+ Kg7 24.cxb7+-]

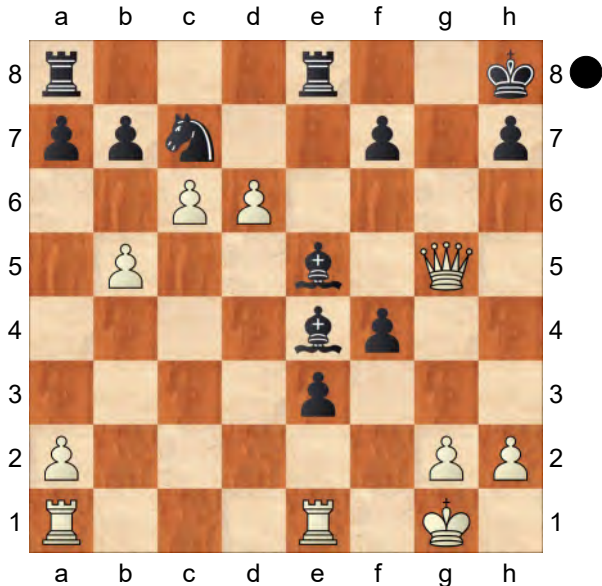
22.c6+ Kg7 23.Qe7? -4.32/23

[23.d6! -0.66/19]

23...Rhe8+

[Less strong is 23...Bxa1 24.Rxa1 Rhe8 25.Qxg5+ Bg6 26.d6±]

24.Qxg5+ Kh8 25.d6



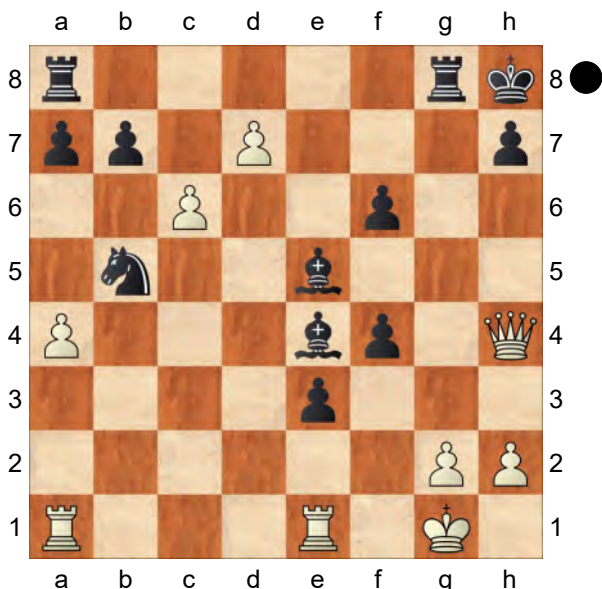
f6! 26.Qh4

[26.Qh6 Nxb5]

26...Nxb5 27.d7 -8.89/23

[Δ27.cxb7 -5.08/20 Bxb7 28.Rab1 Nxd6 29.Rxb7 Nxb7 30.Qh5]

27...Rg8 28.a4



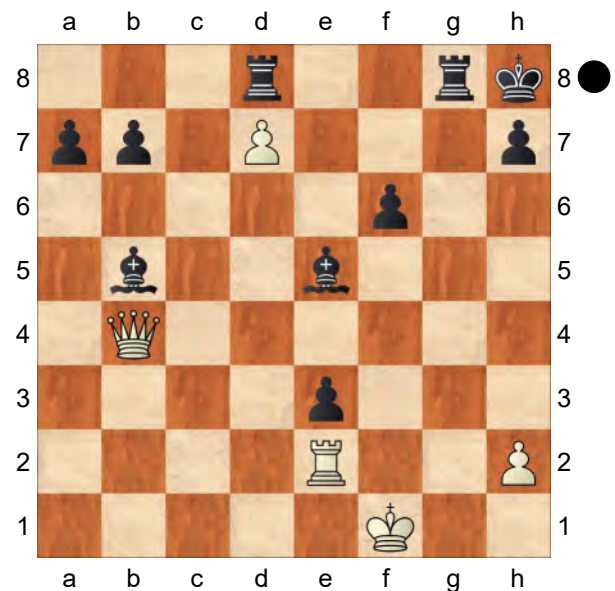
Bxg2! -11.30/23 29.axb5

[29.Rad1 Bd5+]

29...Bxc6+ Discovered Attack, Double Attack 30.Kf1 Bxb5+ A strong pair of Bishops. 31.Re2 f3 32.Raa2 fxe2+ -5.82/5

[Δ32...Rad8 -#13/22 33.Qh6 fxe2+ 34.Rxe2 Rxd7 35.Qxe3 Bd4 36.Qxd4 Rxd4 37.Ke1 Bxe2 38.Kxe2 Re8+ 39.Kf3 Rd3+ 40.Kf2 h5 41.h3 h4 42.Kg1 Re2 43.Kf1 Rdd2 44.Kg1 Re1#]

33.Rxe2 Rad8 34.Qb4



Bxe2+ -20.68/31

[Δ34...Bxh2! -#3/13 35.Qf8 Rdxh2 36.Ke1 Rg1#]

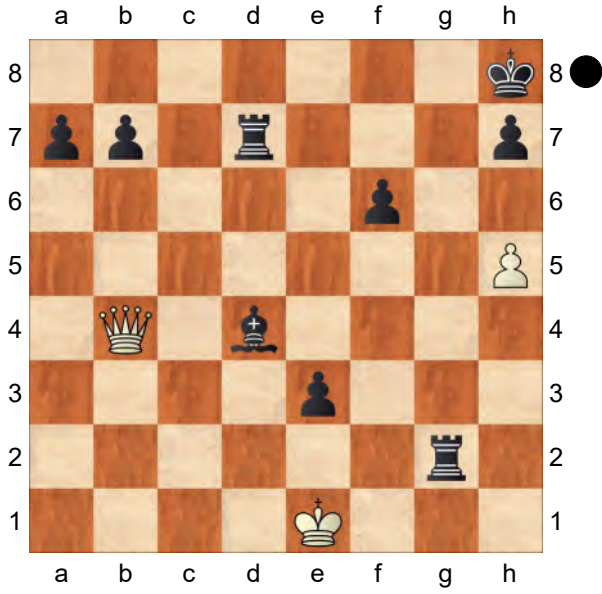
35.Kxe2 Rxd7 ...Rd7-d2+ is the strong threat. 36.h4 Bd4 37.h5 f5 -15.41/26

[Δ37...Rg2+ -#13/22 38.Ke1

(Diagram)

Rc7! 39.Qf8+ Rg8 40.Qxg8+ Kxg8 41.Ke2 Rc2+ 42.Kd3 Rd2+ 43.Ke4 e2 44.h6 e1Q+ 45.Kf5 Qe5+ 46.Kg4 Rg2+ 47.Kh4 Qh2#]

38.h6 f4 (→ ...f4-f3+!) 39.Kf3 Re8 Black mates. 40.Ke2 f3+ 41.Ke1 e2 Weighted Error Value: White=1.74/



Black=0.87

0-1

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□ Von Gottschall, Hermann

■ Bird, Henry Edward

DSB Kongress-04 Meisterturnier (3)

[Mon Hokmome]

A85

A85: Dutch Defence: 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3 1.e3 f5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 0-0 6.Nf3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.Qb3 a5 9.0-0-0 The position is equal. 9...Na6 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Ne4 12.Be1 d6 13.h4 h6 14.Rh2 c5 15.Nd2 -0.53/22

[15.Kb1= -0.03/19]

15...Qc7 16.f3 -0.96/22

[16.Rh3= -0.29/21 keeps the balance.]

16...Nxd2?

[16...d5 with more complications. 17.fxe4 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Qxh2 19.Qxb6 cxd4 20.Bf3 dxe3 21.Qxe6+ Kh8]

17.Rxd2

[17.Bxd2? cxd4 18.Rhh1 (18.exd4? d5-+) 18...d5-+ (18...Nc5? 19.Qc2-+)]

17...cxd4 18.exd4 d5 19.g3 a4

20.Qa2 -1.39/20

[20.Qc3? -0.57/22]

20...b5 -0.68/21

[20...e5? -1.39/20 21.Kb1 exd4 22.cxd5 Qf7]

21.c5? b4 0.09/21

[21...e5? -0.66/22 22.Rc2 Bc6 (22...exd4 23.c6?) 23.dxe5 Qxe5]

22.Rde2 b3

[22...Nxc5 is interesting. 23.dxc5 Qxc5+ 24.Kd1 Rfc8]

23.Qb1 e5 24.Bxa6

[24.Rxe5 Nxc5 25.Kd1 Nxd3 26.Qxd3 f4 27.gxf4 Rxf4-+]

24...Bxa6 25.Rxe5 White is weak on the light squares 25...Rae8? Black puts up resistance 26.f4 Rxe5

[26...Qf7!? 27.h5□ Rxe5 28.fxe5 g5?]

27.fxe5 f4 28.Rf2 aiming for Qg6.

28...Qd7 0.93/23

[28...Qf7= 0.01/24 remains equal.]

29.Qg6±

[29.Rxf4 Rxf4 30.Qg6 Qb5 (30...Rxd4? 31.e6-+) 31.gxf4 Qe2 32.Qe6+ Kh8 33.Qe8+ Kh7]

[29.gxf4? Qg4 30.h5 Qg3-+ (30...Rxf4 31.Qg6?; 30...Qxh5? 31.Kd2-+)]

29...Qb5 1.52/21

[Δ29...Bb5 1.10/23]

30.gxf4

[30.Rxf4 Rxf4 31.gxf4 Qe2 32.Qe6+ Kh8 33.Qe8+ Kh7]

30...Bc8 31.Bc3 Bf5 32.Qg3 Qd7

33.Kd2 Bh7 34.Rg2 1.28/22

[34.Ba5!+- 1.94/22]

34...Rf7 35.Qg4 Black must now prevent e6. 35...Bf5 36.Qh5 0.01/25

[White should play 36.Qe2± 0.69/24]

36...Be4= 37.Rf2 Qh3 38.Qe2 Prevents Qd3+ 38...Qxh4 39.Qe3 Qg4 0.39/24

[39...g5= -0.01/22 40.f5 Bxf5 (40...Rxf5 41.Rxf5 Bxf5 42.Qf3?)]

40.Ba5!± h5 41.Bd8! h4! 42.e6 Rf8 2.11/22

[Black should try 42...Qxe6± 0.33/22 43.Bxh4 Qd7]

43.e7+- Re8 44.Qe2 Qf5 45.Kc3 h3 2.19/21

[Δ45...g6 1.78/22 46.c6 Qc8]

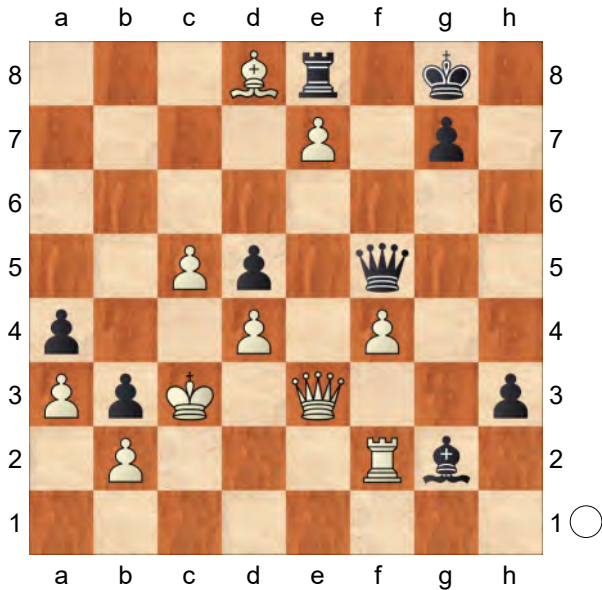
46.Qe3 0.97/24

[46.Rh2!+- 2.19/21 is the precise move to win.]

46...Bg2

(Diagram)

47.Qg3 Chess con chili. 47...Qe4



48.Rd2 Kb4 would now be deadly.

48...Kf7? 3.00/21

[48...Qe6± 1.39/21]

49.f5 White threatens Qg6+ and mate.

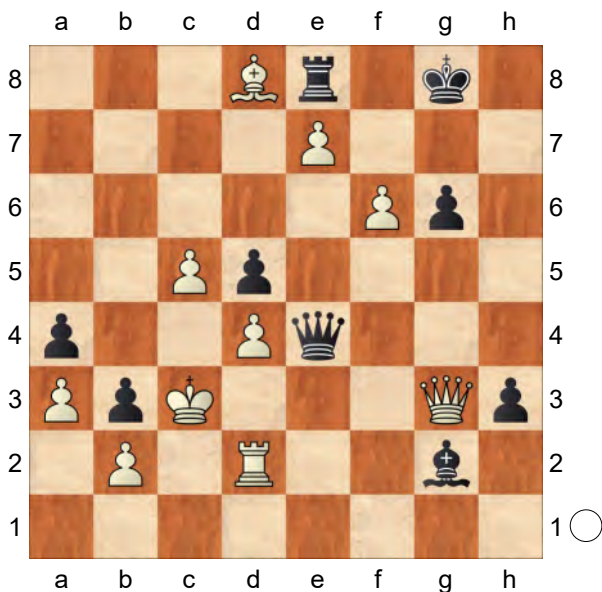
49...Kg8? 10.34/21

[49...Rxe7 3.57/23 50.Bxe7 Qxe7]

50.f6 g6 13.56/20

[Δ50...Qf3+ 4.86/19 51.Qxf3

Remove Defender Bxf3 52.f7+ Kxf7]



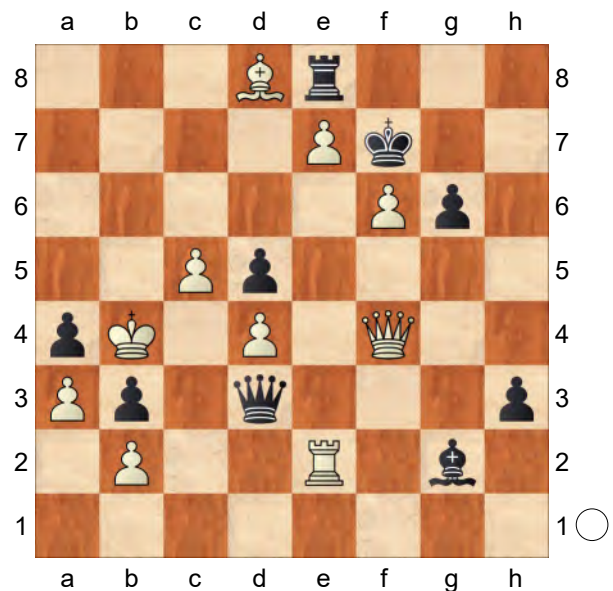
51.Re2!! Deflection 51...Qb1

[51...Qf3+ 52.Qxf3]

52.Qf4 Kf7 53.Kb4 7.00/22

[Δ53.Qh6 15.38/23 Kxf6 54.Qf8+ Kg5 55.Qxe8 Qc1+ 56.Kb4 (56.Kd3 Be4+ 57.Rxe4 Qc2+ 58.Ke3 Qxe4+ 59.Kd2 Qxd4+ 60.Ke2 Qxb2+ 61.Kd3 Qc2+ 62.Ke3 Qxc5+ 63.Ke2 Qc2+ 64.Ke3 Qc3+ 65.Ke2 Qc2+ 66.Kf3 Qd3+ 67.Kf2 Qd2+ 68.Kf3 Qd3+ 69.Kf2 Qf5+ 70.Ke3 Qf4+ 71.Ke2 Qe4+ 72.Kf2 h2=) 56...Qc4+ 57.Ka5 Qxe2 58.Qh8 (58.Qxa4 Qxb2 59.e8Q+ Kf4+-; 58.Kxa4 h2+-)]

53...Qd3



54.Qh6! Qxd4+

[54...Kxf6 55.Rf2+]

55.Kb5

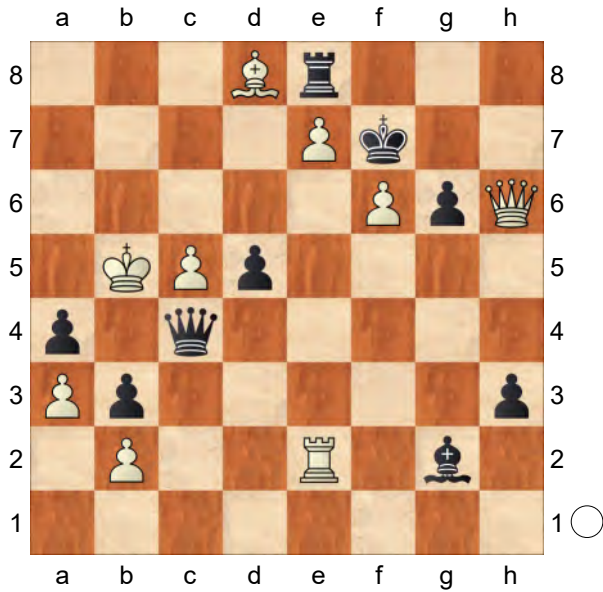
[Worse is 55.Ka5 Qxc5+ (55...Kxf6? perishes. 56.Qf8+ Kg5 57.Qxe8+-) 56.Ka6 Qc4+ (56...Kxf6? is the wrong capture. 57.Qf8+ Kg5 58.Qxe8+-) 57.Ka5 Qxe2=]

55...Qc4+

(Diagram)

56.Kb6! Qxe2 57.Qg7+ Ke6 58.f7 Rxe7 59.Bxe7 Qf6+ would kill now.

59...Kd7 60.f8Q Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.51. Loses game: ---



Black=2 Mistake: White=6 Black=8
 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=1 OK:
 White=13 Black=18 Best: White=7
 Black=2 Strong: --- Black=1

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□ Chigorin, Mikhail Ivanovich

■ Bird, Henry Edward

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[Mon Hokmome]

C44

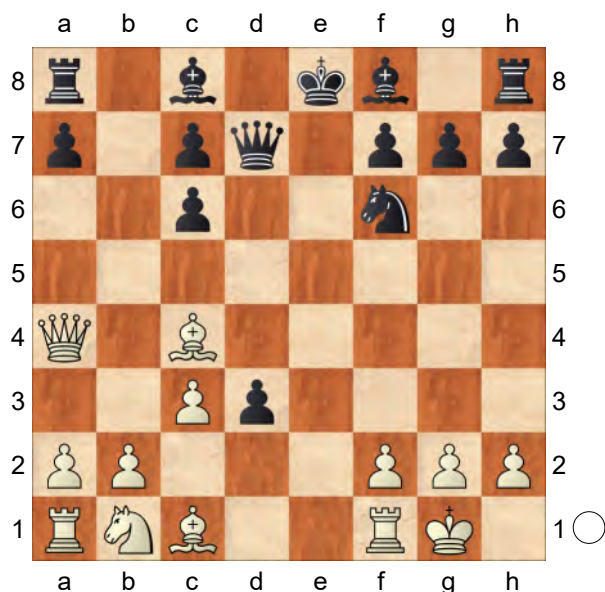
C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5

4.Qa4 dxe4 5.Nxe5 Qd5 6.Nxc6 bxc6

[6...Qxc6? 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Bxc6+-]

7.Bc4 Qd7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.d3 aiming for d3xe4. White is better. 9...exd3 1.32/22

[Δ9...Nd5 0.98/21]



10.Bxd3N

[10.Nd2 Be7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Ne5 Qf5 13.Bf4 Nd5 14.Bg3 Nb6

15.Qxc6 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bd7 17.Qxc7 Rac8 18.Ne3 Qe6 19.Qe5 Bc5

20.Rfd1 Bxe3 21.fxe3 Qg6 22.Qd6 Bf5 23.Qxg6 Bxg6 24.Be5 f6

Van Leeuwen, E (2375)-Weemaes, R corr 1991 ½-½ 25.Bd4 Rf7 26.Kf2 Rb7

27.Rd2 a5 28.Rc1 Bf7 29.b3 ½-½ (29) 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.b4 c6-

Chapter Rio de Janeiro 1991 Lexikon04 [Dragan Solak]]

10...Bb7 11.Re1+ 0.87/21

[Δ11.Bc4 1.29/22]

11...Be7 12.Qb3 0.07/23 &Bianco is more active. 12...0-0 0.52/20 13.Qxb7 Qb7-a6 is the strong threat. 13...Qxd3

14.Qxc6

[14.Qxc7 Bc5=]

14...Bd6 Hoping for ... Ra8-e8. 15.Qf3 Qc2 0.71/22

[15...Qxf3= 0.16/21 16.gxf3 Rfe8]

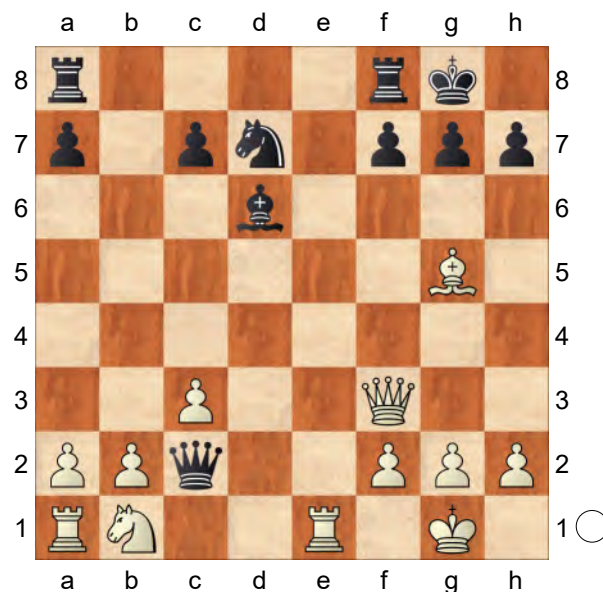
16.Bg5 -0.05/24

[16.Na3± 0.71/22 Bxa3 17.bxa3]

16...Nd7 0.74/22

[16...Rae8= -0.05/24 keeps the balance. 17.Na3 Qxb2 18.Bxf6

(18.Nc4 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Qb5=) 18...Qxa3]



17.Qe2!↑ White fights for an advantage.

17...Rae8 18.Be3

[18.Qxc2? Rxe1#]

[Of course not 18.Qxe8 Rxe8 19.Rxe8+ Nf8=]

18...Qg6 1.08/21

[18...Qxe2± 0.55/25 19.Rxe2 f5]

19.Nd2 Ne5 1.36/21

[Δ19...Nf6 0.87/19]

20.Bxa7 Nd3 1.99/24

[20...Re6± 0.84/22 keeps fighting.]

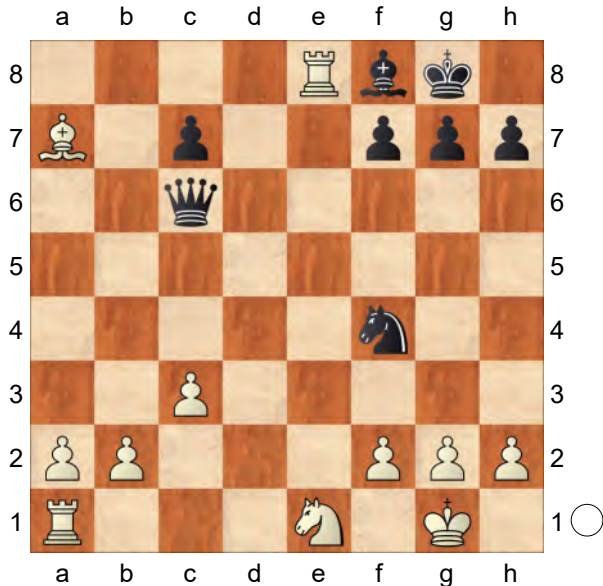
21.Qxe8+- Rxe8 22.Rxe8+ Bf8

23.Nf3? 0.24/22

[23.Be3+- 2.18/22]

23...Nf4!= 24.Ne1 Qc6 2.33/24

[24...Nh3+!= 0.27/26 25.Kh1 Qc6]



Against Ba7-c5 25.Rb8!+- Black must now prevent a2-a4. 25...f5 3.24/24

[25...f6 2.17/22 was necessary.

26.Be3 Nd5]

26.Nf3? 0.70/23

[White should try 26.a4+- 3.24/24]

26...Qd5 3.90/23

[Better is 26...Nxg2± 0.70/23 27.Bc5 (27.Kxg2 Qg6+ 28.Kf1 Qa6+ 29.Kg2 Qg6+ 30.Kf1 Qa6+ 31.c4 Qxa7±) 27...Qxc5 28.Kxg2 Qc6]

27.Re1 Kf7 28.Ne5+? 0.31/24

[White should play 28.c4+- 4.63/27 Qa5 29.Bd4]

28...Kg8± 29.Nf3 Kf7! 30.c4 Qa5

31.Bd4 Nd3 32.Rb5 Qxa2 9.33/28

[Δ32...Qa8 4.21/25 33.Rxf5+ Kg8]

33.Rxf5++- Kg6 34.Nh4+? 2.36/5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.71

[34.g4 #12/23 mates h6 35.Re6+ Kh7 36.Rxf8 Nc5 37.Re7 Qb1+

38.Kg2 Qg6 39.Bxc5]

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C33

☐ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Lasker, Emanuel

Match Lasker - Bird

1890

[Khalifman, A]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Be2 f5 4.e5

[4.exf5 Qh4+ 5.Kf1 d5 6.Nf3-+ Qf6
7.d4 !? Bd6]

4...d6 5.Nf3 dxe5 6.Nxe5 Qh4+ 7.Kf1
Bd6 8.Nf3 Qf6 9.d4 Ne7 'with the
idea' 10... e5 10.c4 c6 11.Nc3 Nd7 !
12.Bd2 Qh6 !?

[12...0-0]

13.c5 Bc7 14.Qb3 Nf6 ! 15.Bc4 Ne4
16.Re1 Nxd2+ 17.Nxd2 ?! 17...Kd8
18.Nf3 b5 19.Be6 b4 20.d5 bxc3
21.d6 ? 21...Rb8 22.dxe7+ Kxe7
23.Bd7+

[23.Bg8+ Kd8-+ 24.Qf7-+]

23...Kd8-+ ! 24.Qf7 Bxd7

[24...Ba6+ 25.Kg1 Bd6 26.cxd6
(26.Re8+ Rxe8 27.Qxe8+ Kc7
28.cxd6+ Qxd6) 26...Qxd6-+]

25.Rd1 Kc8 26.Qxd7+ Kb7 27.Rd6
Qh5 28.Qxc6+ Kc8 29.Qa6+ Rb7
30.c6

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A02

□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Falkbeer, Ernst Karl

Match Bird-Falkbeer +7-7=3

1856

[Hokmome, Naruemon]

A02: Bird's Opening 1.f4 c5 2.e3 e6 3.b3 Be7N

[3...d5 4.Bb5+ Bd7 5.a4 Nc6 6.Nf3 f6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.d4 a6 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Ba3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxa3 12.Nxa3 Bd7 13.Qg4 Kf7 14.Qf3 Ne7 15.c4 Re8 16.Rad1 Kg8 17.Kh1 Qb6 18.e4 4.Qxd4 side lines-Cramling Pia (SWE) Sokhumi 1878 Juniors [Wang, Zili; Zhu, Chen] 0-1 (70)]

4.Nc3 Bh4+ 5.g3 Bf6 6.Nf3 d5 7.d4 cxd4 8.exd4 The position is equal. 8...a6 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.Be3 b5 11.a4 b4 12.Ne2 Bb7 13.Rc1 -0.13/21

[♖13.g4 0.30/19]

13...h5 14.Qd2

[14.0-0 is interesting. Nh6 15.Ne5 Ng4 16.Qd2]

14...Nh6 15.h3 Qd6 0.51/22

[Black should play 15...g6= -0.17/20]

16.Ne5 0.15/20

[16.g4!± 0.51/22 might be stronger. hxd4 17.hxd4]

16...Bxe5 1.37/23

[16...Nf5= 0.15/20 remains equal.]

17.fxe5±

[Don't take 17.dxe5 Qe7±]

17...Qe7 2.31/25

[17...Qd7± 1.31/24 keeps fighting. 18.0-0 Nf5 19.Bxf5 exf5]

18.Bg5+- Qd7 19.0-0 Rc8 20.Rf4 Nf5

21.Rcf1 g6 22.g4 hxd4 23.hxd4 Rg8

24.gxf5 gxf5 25.R4f2 Nxe5 6.36/25

[♖25...Qe7 4.17/23 26.Rg2 Qf8]

26.dxe5 d4 27.Nxd4? 2.56/26 f6? 9.64/25

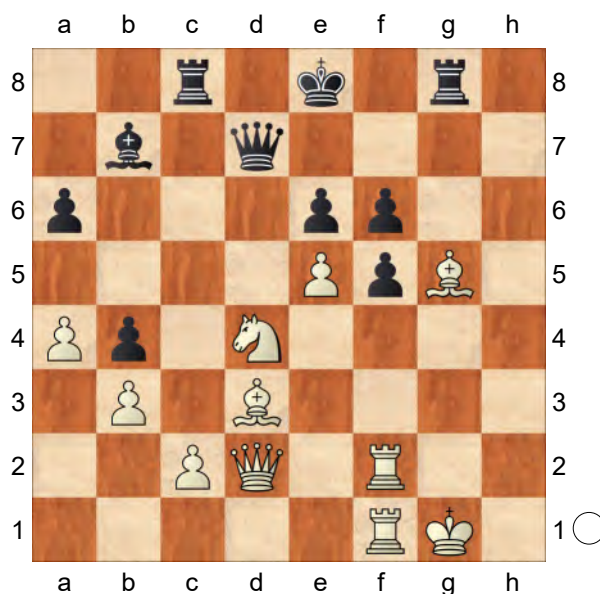
[27...Qxd4? 28.Bb5+! axb5

29.Qxd4]

[27...Qd8 2.56/26 28.Nf3 Bxf3

29.Rxf3 Qxg5+ 30.Qxg5 Rxg5+

31.Kf2 Ke7]



28.exf6? 0.01/23 Qxd4= 29.f7+

[Reject 29.Bb5+ Kf7 30.Re1 (30.Qxd4 is a self mate. Rxg5+) 30...Qxd2 31.Rxd2 Rxg5+ 32.Kf1 axb5±]

29...Kxf7 (→ ...Rg8-h8) 30.Bxf5! Intending Bf5-g6+ and mate.

30...Qxd2→ Pin. Black is up to no good. The board is on fire. 31.Bg6+? -5.96/27 White does not recover from this.

31...Kxg6+- 32.Bxd2 Kh7+ 33.Kh2 Rc5 34.Rf7+ Kh8 Brooklyn Chess Chronicle 1883/84, p. 157. Weighted Error Value: White=1.02/Black=0.38

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Fritz, Alexander

DSB Kongress-03 Meisterturnier (5)

[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C53: Giuoco Piano sidelines 1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.c3
d6 6.Qb3 White wants to play a2-a4.
6...Qe7 7.a4 aiming for a4-a5. 7...a5
8.b5 White is slightly better. 8...Nd8
9.d3 Ne6N

[9...Nf6 10.Nbd2 Ne6 11.Nf1 Nc5
12.Qc2 Be6 13.Ne3 0-0 14.Bxe6
fxe6 15.Nc4 Ncd7 16.Nxb6 Nxb6
17.Qb3 Nbd7 18.Be3 b6 19.0-0 Kh8
20.Rae1 Nh5 21.d4 Rae8 22.Bc1
exd4 23.cxd4 e5 24.Bb2 Qxd4 Side
Lines-Grushevsky, A Game 5 1882
Bilbao by Spyros Kapnisi [Syre] 0-1
(55)]

10.0-0 Nf6 11.Na3 Nh5 0.54/19

[11...Nc5= 0.15/21 feels stronger.
12.Qd1 0-0]

12.Be3 0.00/19

[12.Qd1!± 0.54/19]

12...g5 0.78/21

[12...Bxe3= 0.00/19 remains equal.
13.fxe3 Nf6]

13.Nc2 & Bianco is more active. 13...g4

14.Nd2 Nef4 15.d4 0.45/17

[Better is 15.Bxb6± 0.76/19
Hoping for Bb6-e3. cxb6 16.g3]

15...Rg8 1.05/18

[15...0-0± 0.45/17]

16.Rfe1 0.70/19

[16.Rad1± 1.05/18]

16...Be6 17.d5 -0.06/23

[17.Bxe6± 0.99/20 Qxe6 18.Qxe6+
fxe6 19.Nc4]

17...Bd7= 18.Bxb6 cxb6 19.Ne3 Qg5
0.51/19

[19...Rg6= -0.14/22]

C53

20.Ndf1 -0.46/21

[White should play 20.Qc2± 0.51/19]

20...Ng7 0.20/21

[20...0-0-0± -0.46/21]

21.Qa3 Ke7 22.Ng3 -0.44/24

[22.Ba2= 0.23/22]

22...h5 0.01/23

[22...Rac8± -0.44/24]

23.Nef5+ -0.42/24

[23.Bf1!= 0.01/23
is more appropriate.]

23...Nxf5?? 2.28/21

[23...Bxf5± -0.42/24 24.exf5 Qh6]

24.exf5+- f6 5.81/24

[24...Qh6 2.22/22 is more resistant.]

25.Ne4! Qxf5 26.Qxd6+ Kf7 27.Ng3

Nh3+ 28.gxh3 gxh3 29.Qxb6? 1.68/22

[29.Re3 5.59/24 Rad8 30.Qxb6]

29...Rac8 30.Bf1 1.29/23

[30.Qxb7? Rxc4 31.d6 h4 32.Qd5+
Qe6+-]

[Only move: 30.Be2+- 2.38/21 h4
31.Qxb7!]

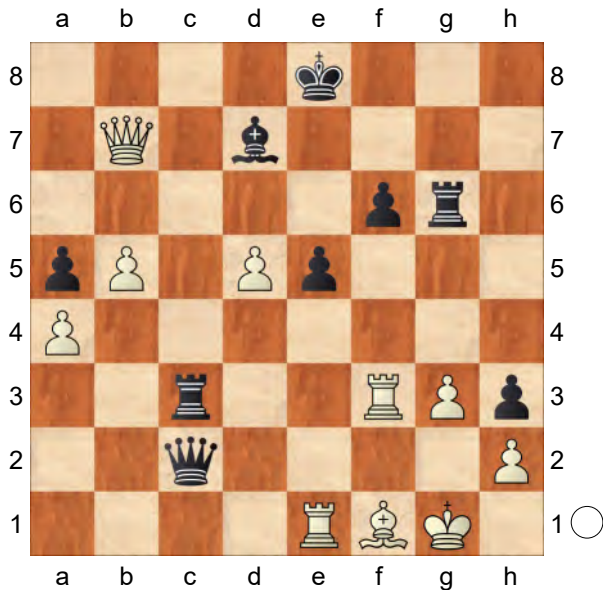
30...h4? 3.12/21

[30...Rxc3± 1.29/23 keeps fighting.
31.Qxb7 h4]



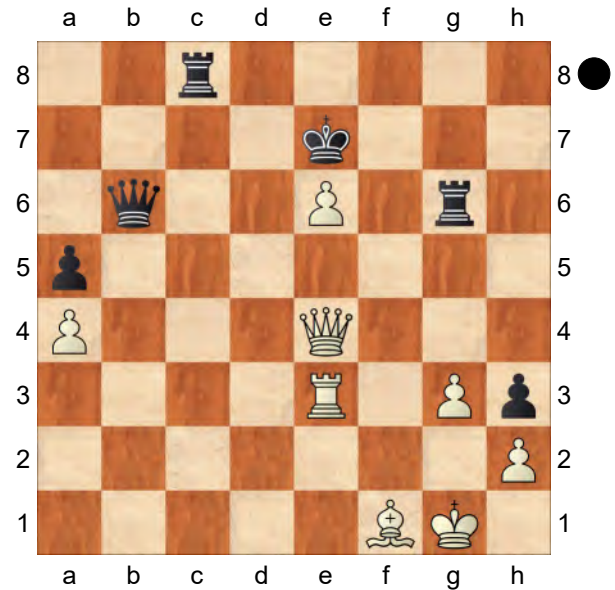
31.Re3! hxg3 32.fxg3

[32.Rxg3 Qf3=]
32...Qc2 3.93/22
 [32...Rg7 2.78/20 33.Qxb7 Kg8]
33.Rf3 Rg6 34.Qxb7 Really sharp!
34...Ke8 35.Re1 Rxc3



36.Re2! Qc1
 [36...Rc7 37.Qa8+]
37.Qb8+ Rc8 38.Rxe5+ fxe5? 5.19/25
 [38...Kd8 3.07/24 might work better.
 39.Qb6+ Qc7 40.Qxc7+ Rxc7]
39.Qxe5+ Be6 40.b6? -0.01/22
 [White must play 40.dxe6+- 4.71/27
 White threatens b5-b6 and mate.
 Qc5+ 41.Qxc5 Rxc5 42.b6
 (42.Bxh3 Rg7+-) 42...Rxe6 43.Rb3
 (43.Bxh3 Rxb6 44.Rf2 Rb4+)]
40...Qc5+= 41.Re3 And now b6-b7
would win. 41...Qxb6 42.dxe6 -0.74/24
 [42.Bxh3!= 0.01/25 keeps the
 balance. Qb1+ 43.Re1 (43.Bf1
 Rc1+)]
42...Ke7+ White must now prevent ...
Rc8-c1. 43.Qe4 -1.40/27
 [43.Bxh3+ -0.62/27 Rc1+ 44.Kg2
 (44.Bf1? Re1+-) 44...Qc6+ 45.Qe4
 Rc2+ 46.Kg1 Qxe4 47.Rxe4]

(Diagram)



43...Rc1 0.01/28 44.Qh4+= Kd6?
7.73/30
 [44...Rf6= -0.01/31 45.Qh7+ Kd6
 46.Qd7+ Kc5 47.Qe7+ Kc6 48.Qd7+
 Kc5 49.Qe7+ Kd5 50.Qd7+ Kc5]
45.Qf4+- Kc6 46.Qe4+ Kc7
47.Qe5+? 0.01/23
 [47.e7+- 7.39/26 Rg8 48.e8Q Rxe8
 49.Qxe8]
47...Kb7= ...Rg6-f6! is the strong threat.
The position is equal. 48.e7 Rf6
49.Qd5+ Ka7 50.Qd7+ Qb7 51.Qd4+
Qb6 Weighted Error Value: White=0. 68/
Black=0.54
 1/2-1/2

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Fritz, A..

03.DSB-Kongress

[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C53

1883

C53: Giuoco Piano sidelines 1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.c3
d6 6.Qb3 Qe7

[6...Qf6!?]

7.a4 a5 8.b5 White is slightly better.

8...Nd8 9.d3 0.14/21

[9.d4!± 0.46/21]

9...Ne6 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Na3 Nh5

12.Be3 -0.04/20

[12.Qd1± 0.40/19]

12...g5 0.63/20

[12...Bxe3= -0.04/20 13.fxe3 Nf6]

13.Nc2± & Bianco is more active. 13...g4

14.Nd2 Nef4 1.05/20

[14...Nc5± 0.61/19 might be stronger.

15.Qb1 Be6]

15.d4 0.57/18

[15.Bxb6± 1.05/20 Strongly
threatening Bb6-e3. cxb6 16.g3]

15...Rg8 0.95/20

[15...0-0± 0.57/18]

16.Rfe1 0.63/21

[16.Kh1± 0.95/20]

16...Be6 1.12/20

[16...Kf8± 0.63/21]

17.d5 -0.06/21

[17.Rad1± 1.12/20]

17...Bd7= 18.Bxb6 cxb6 19.Ne3 Qg5

20.Ndf1 Inhibits g4-g3. 20...Ng7 21.Qa3

Ke7 22.Ng3 -0.27/25

[22.Bb3± 0.41/22]

22...h5 23.Nef5+ -0.61/25

[White should play 23.Bf1!= 0.01/23]

23...Nxf5?? 2.66/23

[23...Bxf5± -0.61/25 keeps the upper
hand. 24.exf5 Qh6]

24.exf5+- f6 6.79/24

[24...Qh6 2.43/22]

25.Ne4! Qxf5 26.Qxd6+ Kf7 27.Ng3

Nh3+ 28.gxh3 gxh3 29.Qxb6 1.97/23

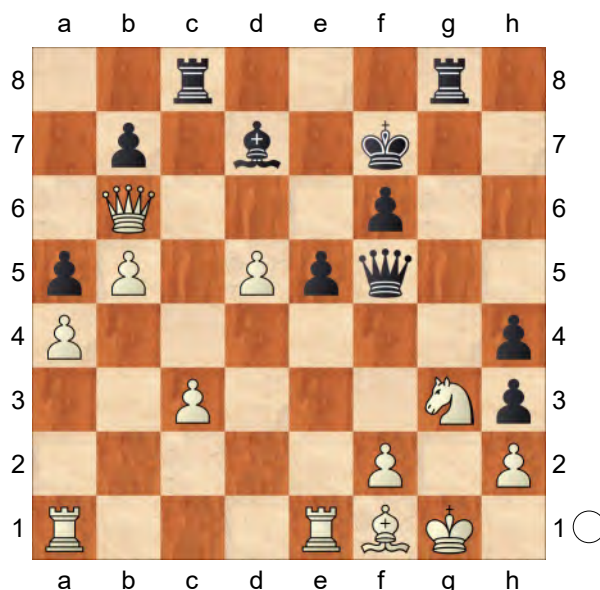
[29.Re3 5.59/22 Rad8 30.Qxb6]

29...Rac8 30.Bf1

[30.Qxb7? Rxc4 31.d6 h4 32.Qd5+
Qe6+-]

30...h4? 3.29/20

[30...Rxc3± 1.42/22 31.Qxb7 h4]



31.Re3! hxg3 32.fxg3

[32.Rxg3 Qf3=]

32...Qc2 33.Rf3 Rg6 34.Qxb7

Dancing on a razor blade. 34...Ke8

35.Re1 Rxc3

(Diagram)

36.Re2! Qc1

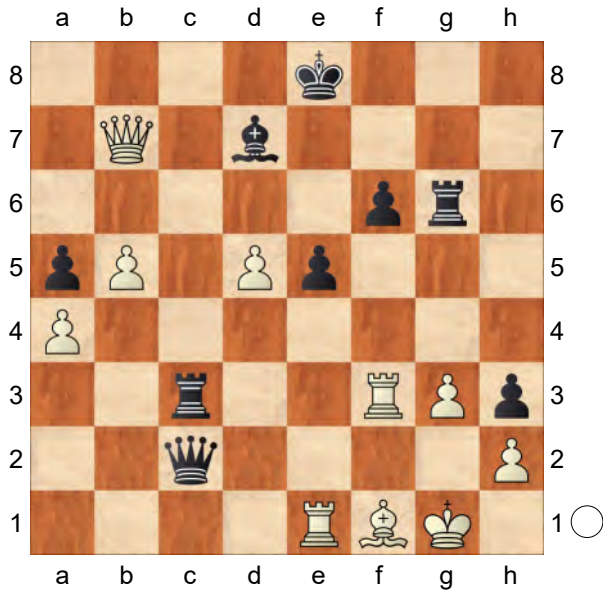
[36...Rc7 37.Qb8+]

37.Qb8+ Rc8 38.Rxe5+ fxe5 4.46/25

[38...Kd8 3.06/25 39.Qb6+ Qc7
40.Qxc7+ Rxc7]

39.Qxe5+ Be6 40.b6? -0.01/22

[40.dxe6+- 4.60/27 aiming for b5-b6.
Qc5+ 41.Qxc5 Rxc5 42.b6
(42.Bxh3 Rc4+-) 42...Rxe6 43.Rb3
(43.Bxh3 Rxb6 44.Rf2 Rc1+ 45.Kg2



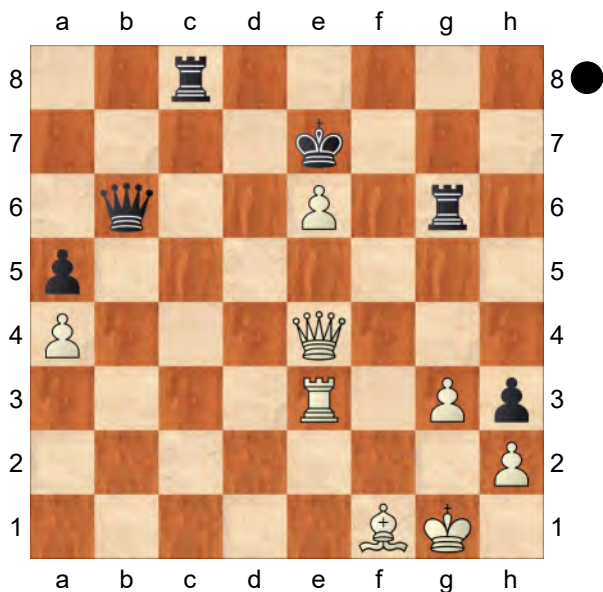
Ra1 ♗]

40...Qc5+= 41.Re3 ♚ White puts up resistance **41...Qxb6 42.dxe6** -0.49/24

[White should try **42.Bxh3!=** 0.01/25
Qb1+ 43.Re1 (43.Bf1 Rc1 ♗)]

42...Ke7 ♗ **43.Qe4** -1.36/28

[43.Bxh3 ♗ -0.44/26 Rc1+ 44.Kg2
(44.Bf1? Re1-+) 44...Qc6+ 45.Qe4
Rc2+ 46.Kg1 Qxe4 47.Rxe4]



43...Rc1 0.01/28 **44.Qh4+= Kd6?**
7.63/28

[44...Rf6= -0.01/28 45.Qh7+ Kd6

46.Qd7+ Kc5 47.Qe7+ Kc6 48.Qd7+ Kc5 49.Qe7+ Kd5 50.Qd7+ Kc5]

45.Qf4+- Kc6 46.Qe4+ Kc7

47.Qe5+? 0.01/22

[47.e7+- 7.54/24 Rg8 48.e8Q Rxe8 49.Qxe8]

47...Kb7= Hoping for ...Rg6-f6! The

position is equal. **48.e7 Rf6 49.Qd5+**

Ka7 50.Qd7+ Qb7 51.Qd4+ Qb6 50

Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/

Black=0.

1/2-1/2

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ MacKenzie, George Henry

Wien International-02 25years WienerSK (23)
[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C54

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Here we look at White's alternatives to the main line of the Albin. Probably these alternatives give Black more chances of gaining a reasonable game than the main line with g3. 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.b4 Bb6 6.d3 d6 7.a4 a5 8.b5 Ne7 9.Na3N

[9.Be3 Ba7 10.Qb3 0-0 11.Bxa7 Rxa7 12.Nbd2 Ra8 13.d4 Ng6 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Rd1 Qe7 16.0-0 Bg4 17.Rfe1 Nf4 18.Re3 Rad8 19.Rde1 Nd7 20.Nf1 Qf6 21.Ng3 Nc5 22.Qc2 Rd7 23.Rd1 Rxd1+ Mancheno Barahona, M-Scharf, W ICCF email 1909 The Week in Chess 1377 [Wahls, M.] 0-1 (42) 24.Qxd1 Rd8 25.Qc2 Bxf3 26.Rxf3 Qd6 27.Nf1 Qd1 28.Qxd1 Rxd1 29.g3 Nfe6 30.Rf5 Nxe4 31.Rxe5 Nd2 32.Rd5 Nf3+ 33.Kg2 Ne1+ 34.Kg1 Rxd5 35.Bxd5 Nc5 36.Ne3 b6 37.Kf1 Ned3 38.Nc4 Nxa4 Albin Without G3-A3 Others ChessPub Guide 2020 Daring Defences [Glenn Flear] (42)]

[9.0-0 0-0 10.h3 c6 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Nbd2 d5 14.Nf1 dxe4 15.Ng5 Re7 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.dxe4 Be6 18.Rb1 Rd7 19.Qc2 Nf8 20.Ne3 Bxe3 21.Bxe3 h6 22.Red1 Rc8 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 Deslandes, P (2811)-Buchicchio, G (2797) Slovenija 104/(125) 2015 LEX-CD [Dublin Evening Mail 15/2/1902; Harding] ½-½ (38)]

[9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bb3 (11.Ba3 Nh5 12.d4 Nh4 13.dxe5 Bg4 14.g3 Nxe5 15.gxf4 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Nxc4 17.Qd5 Nxa3 18.Rxa3 Qf6 19.f5 g6 Martincevic, N (2560)-Molaei, M (2635) Neu Isenburg 1995 Telechess CBM 89 [Shamkovich, Leonid; Kreiman, B] 11...d5 12.Ba3 Re8 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Ndf4 15.Nfg5 Be6 16.Nxe6 Nxe6 17.g3 Kh8 18.Qf3 f6 19.h4 Ngf8 20.Rad1 Qd7 21.Rfe1 Rad8 22.Bc4 h6 23.Qh5 Nh7 Jonsson, H-Aziz Ortego, O Salou ESP 2018 CBM 85 ext [Lane, CCYB6]]

9...Ng6 10.Be3 -0.38/21

[10.Bb3= 0.04/21 was preferable.]

10...c6 11.bxc6 -0.55/20

[11.Qb3= -0.08/21 should be considered. 0-0 12.bxc6 Bxe3 13.cxb7 Bxb7 14.fxe3 (14.Qxb7? Rb8+)]

11...bxc6? 1.39/21

[11...Bxe3 -0.55/20 stays ahead. 12.cxb7 (12.fxe3 bxc6 13.h3 0-0=) 12...Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 Qb6+ 14.Ke1 Qxb7]

12.Qb3± Bxe3 13.Bxf7+ Ke7 1.49/21

[Δ13...Kf8 1.18/22 14.fxe3 Ra7]

14.fxe3 Nf8 1.54/22

[Δ14...Qc7 1.22/21 15.0-0 (15.Bxg6 Be6±) 15...Nf8]

15.Bc4 1.19/20 & Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.

[Δ15.0-0 1.54/22]

15...N8d7 16.0-0 0.47/19

[Avoid the trap 16.Bf7? Nc5 17.Qc2 Kxf7+]

[16.d4± 1.44/21]

16...Rb8 1.56/20

[Better is 16...Qb6!± 0.47/19]

17.Qd1 0.96/19

[Δ17.Qc2 1.56/20]

17...Nc5 1.61/22

[17...Rf8± 0.96/19]

18.Qc2+- Be6? 3.54/22

[18...Ncd7 1.76/21 19.d4 Qc7]

19.Bxe6 Nxe6 20.Nc4 Nc5 4.47/22

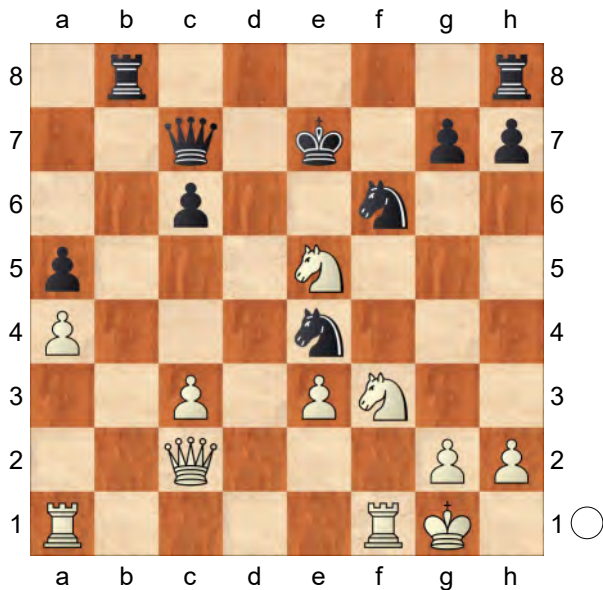
[Δ20...Qc7 2.85/23 21.d4 Nd7]

21.d4 Ncxe4 5.38/23

[21...Ncd7 3.66/21 keeps fighting.

22.Rad1 Qg8]

22.dxe5 dxe5 23.Ncxe5 Qc7



24.Nd4! Rb6 25.Nc4 Rbb8 5.96/24

[25...Re8 4.00/21 was called for.

26.Nxb6 Qxb6]

(Diagram)

26.Nxa5! White is clearly winning.

26...Rb6

[26...Rbe8 27.Qb3]

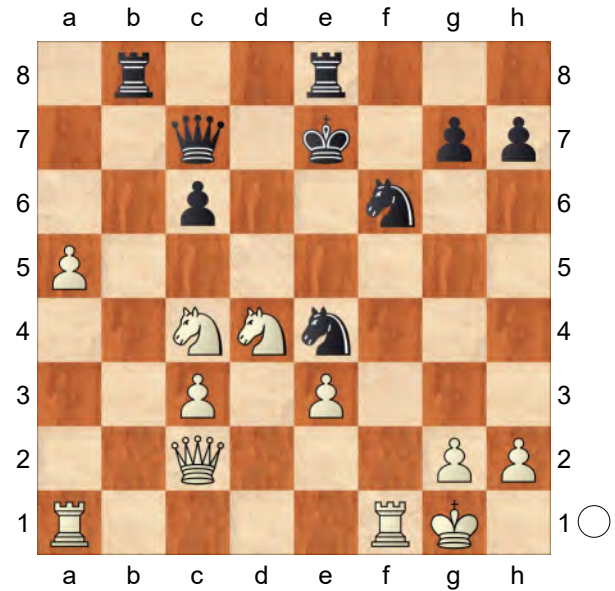
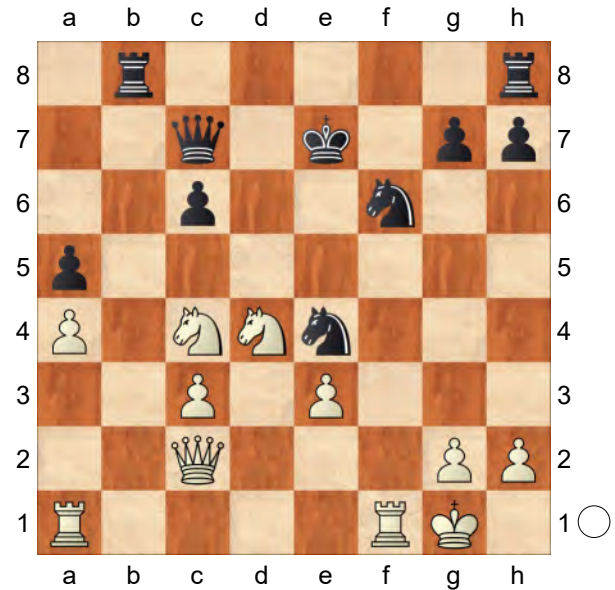
27.Nc4 Rbb8 28.a5 Rhe8 7.16/22

[Δ28...c5 4.69/18 29.Nf5+ Kf7

30.Nh6+ Kg6]

(Diagram)

29.Ne5! Kf8



[29...Rb5 30.Nexd6+]

30.Qxe4 Rxe5 31.Qxc6 Qe7 32.a6

Qe8 33.Qd6+ Kg8 34.Nc6 Reb5

35.Nxb8 Rxb8 36.a7 Ra8 37.Qd4 h5

38.e4 Qc8 39.e5 Ng4 40.h3 Nh6

41.Qd5+ Kh7 42.e6 Christiaan Bijl: Das

II. Internationale Schachmeisterturnier

Wien 1882, p. 282. Weighted Error

Value: White=0.36/Black=0.83

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Mason, James

New York Clipper

[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C01

1876

C01: French: Exchange Variation 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.exd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0

Active counter play! 7...h6 8.Re1 Nc6

9.Nb5 Bb4 0.40/20

[9...Be7= 0.00/21]

10.c3± Ba5 11.Na3 Bg4 0.48/21

[11...Ne7= 0.16/20 was preferable.]

12.Nc2 -0.11/19

[12.Bf4± 0.48/21]

12...Qd7 0.67/20

[12...Ne7!= -0.11/19]

13.b4 Bb6 14.h3 0.33/21

[14.Ne3 0.66/20]

14...Bh5 15.Ne3 0.10/21

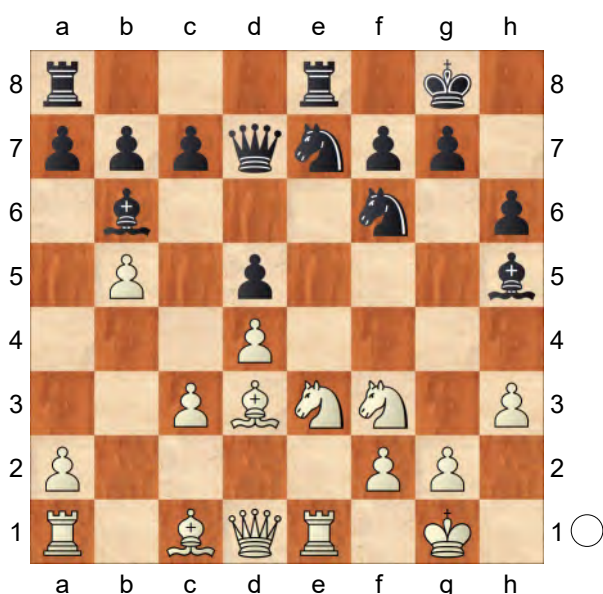
[15.b5± 0.48/20 Ne7 16.Ba3 Bxf3

17.Qxf3]

15...Rfe8 0.66/19

[15...a6!= 0.10/21]

16.b5! Ne7



17.g4 -0.01/22

[17.Ne5!± 0.63/21 Bxd1 18.Nxd7

Nxd7 19.Rxd1]

17...Bg6= 18.Ne5 Qc8 0.34/20

[18...Qd8= -0.01/20]

19.a4 c6 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Ba3

Threatens to win with Ba3xe7. 21...Ne4

0.50/21

[21...Bxd3= 0.01/22 22.Qxd3

(22.Nxd3 Ng6=) 22...Qc7]

22.Qc2!± Ng5 0.84/21

[22...Qc7!= 0.19/21]

23.Bxe7±

[23.Nxg6 Nf3+ 24.Kg2 Nxe1+

25.Rxe1 Nxg6 26.Bxg6 fxg6

27.Qxg6 Qe6±]

[23.Bxg6 Nxg6 24.Nxg6 Nf3+

25.Kf1 Nxe1 26.Rxe1 fxg6 27.Qxg6

Qe6 28.Qxe6+ Rxe6±]

23...Rxe7 1.51/22

[Black should play 23...Bxd3± 0.53/23

24.Qxd3 Rxe7]

24.Bxg6 fxg6 25.Qxg6 0.55/23

[25.Nxg6± 1.47/21 Nf3+ 26.Kg2

Nxe1+ 27.Rxe1]

25...Nxh3+ 1.08/23

[Better is 25...Re6± 0.55/23 26.Qc2

Nxh3+ 27.Kg2 Nf4+ 28.Kf3 g5]

26.Kh2 Nf4 27.Qf5

[27.Qxc6 Re6 28.Qd7 Qxd7

29.Nxd7 Bc7=]

27...Ne6 28.Ng2 -0.01/22

Pair of Knights!

[28.Kh1!± 1.12/23]

28...Qc7!= 29.a5 -0.91/24

[29.Nf4= 0.01/21 remains equal. Nxf4

30.Qxf4]

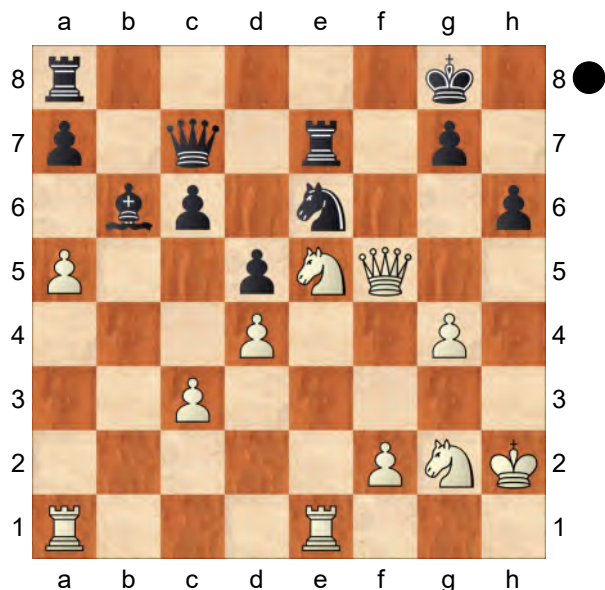
(Diagram)

29...Bxa5 -0.05/22

[29...Bxd4!± -0.91/24 30.cxd4 Nxd4]

30.Rxa5 -0.69/23 Rf8!±

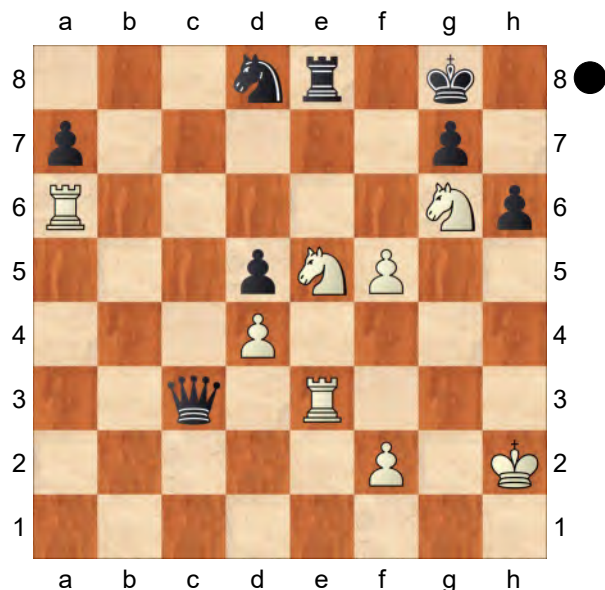
[30...Qxa5? 31.Ng6 Qc7+



32.N2f4+-]
31.Ra6 -1.89/23
 [31.Qh5 $\bar{f}$ -0.49/24 Qxa5 32.Ng6]
31...Rxf5+- 32.gxf5 Nd8 aiming for ...
Qc7-c8.
 [32...Nc5 33.Rxc6 Qd8 34.Rxc5+-]
33.Nf4 -2.53/24
 [33.Nh4 -1.70/21 is a better
 defense.]
33...Qc8 34.Nfg6 -3.16/25
 [Δ 34.Raa1 -2.04/25 Rxe5 35.Rxe5]
34...Re8!
 [Not 34...Qxa6 35.Nxe7+ Kh7
 36.N5g6=]
 [34...Rxe5 35.Rxe5 Qb8 36.Kg2+-]
35.Nxc6 Qc7+ -1.91/28
 [Δ 35...Nxc6 -3.32/28 36.Rxe8+ Qxe8
 37.Rxc6 Kh7]
36.Nce5 Qxc3 37.Re3

(Diagram)

Qd2 0.01/24
 [But not 37...Qxd4 38.Nf3 Qxe3
 39.fxe3+-]
 [37...Qc8!+- -2.07/24 38.Rd6 Qxf5]
38.Kg2! $\neq$ White is not keeping still
38...Qxd4 39.f6 -0.34/23

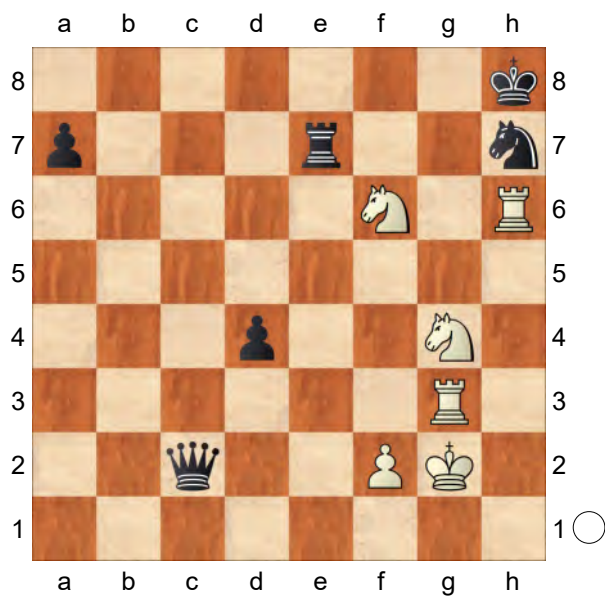
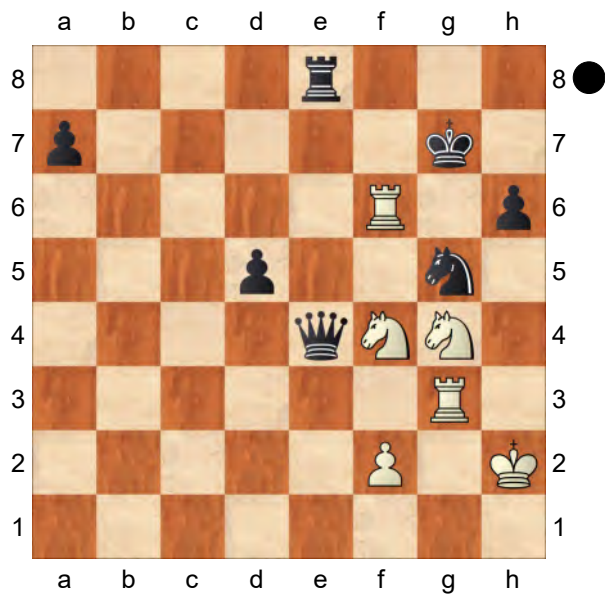


[39.Rd6= -0.01/24 should be
 considered.]
39...gxf6 -0.01/24
 [39...h5! $\bar{f}$ -0.34/23
 is more appropriate.]
40.Rxf6 Strongly threatening Re3-g3.
40...Ne6 And now ...Ne6-g5 would win.
41.Rg3 -2.76/25
 [41.Rf7 $\bar{f}$ -0.31/22]
41...Ng5+- 42.Ng4 Kg7? -0.14/24
 [42...Qa1+- -2.81/22 43.Rc6 Re1
 44.Nxh6+ Kg7 45.Nf5+ Kf7]
43.Nf4= The board is on fire. **43...Qe4+**
44.Kh2

(Diagram)

Nh7? 3.55/25
 [44...Re6!= -0.01/23 and Black stays
 safe. 45.Nxe6+ Nxe6]
45.Nh5+- Kh8 46.Rxh6 Qc2 47.Nhf6
Re7 48.Kg2 Ng4-e5! is the strong
 threat. **48...d4? 12.29/28**
 [48...Qc6 3.61/27 49.Ne5 Qxf6
 50.Rxf6 Rxe5]

(Diagram)



49.Ne5! Qc8

[49...Qa2 50.Ng6+]

50.Ng6+ Kg7 51.Nxe7+ Weighted

Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.66

Columbia Chess Chronicle 1887/26-27,
p.274

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Messemaker, Christiaan

NED SB-08 Gouda

08.1880

[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C45

C45: Scotch Game 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6
3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Qh4 5.Nf3 Qxe4+
6.Be2! Be7N

[6...d5 7.0-0 Be6 (7...Bf5 8.Re1
Nge7 9.Bd3 Qg4 10.h3 Qh5 11.g4
Bxg4 12.hxg4 Qxg4+ 13.Kh1 f5
14.Ng5 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Ne5 16.Bf4
Nxd3 17.Rxd3 c6 18.Nd2 h6
19.Ne6 Kf7 20.Re1 Ng6 21.Bc7
Be7 22.Nd4 Webster, A-Chapter 4.
Воронез_262383 1889 ZUS D57 [ILN
Ixix (29 July 1876) p119; Steinitz;
Hardi] 1-0 (55)) 8.Nc3 Qf5 9.Bb5
Nge7 10.Re1 0-0-0 11.Nd4 Nxd4
12.Qxd4 a6 13.Bd3 Qf6 14.Ne2
Nc6 15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.Nf4 Ne5
17.Bf1 h5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.f4 Ng4
20.Rxe6 Bc5+ 21.Kh1 De Fassio,
D-10.Bb3 Be7 11.g4 b5 Game - 1
1886 ZUS D57 [Estrin, O'Kelly,
Harding] 0-1]

[6...Bb4+ 7.c3 Bc5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.b4
Be7 10.Nbd2 Qd5 11.Re1 d6 12.b5
Ne5 13.Nd4 Be6 14.N2b3 Bg4
15.f3 h5 16.c4 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4
18.fxg4 Kd7 19.g5 Ne8 20.Qf3 Rb8
21.Bb2 Fierz, M-Meran/2 8. Bd3 Bd6
Germany 1876 ZUS D57 [Soffer, R]
1-0]

[6...Nf6 7.0-0 Qe7 8.Nc3 Qd8
9.Re1 Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.Bg5 d6
12.Qd2 Bg4 13.Qf4 Bxf3 14.gxf3
Ne5 15.Kh1 Nxd3 16.cxd3 Nh5
17.Bxe7 Nxf4 18.Bxd8 Raxd8
19.Re7 Ne6 20.Re1 Rfe8 21.Rxe8+
Lagarde, M-Voboril, P 5. h4 1888 MAS
D38 ZR [Sergienko, S; Raetsky, A] 0-1

(53)]

7.Nc3 Qb4 0.66/23

[7...Qf5= 0.02/22]

8.0-0 Black must now prevent Nc3-d5.
White has compensation. White is
slightly better. 8...Nf6 9.Nb5 Kd8
1.18/21

[9...Bd8± 0.50/23]

10.c3 Qc5 11.Ng5 0.35/23

[11.Re1± 0.95/21]

11...Rf8!± 12.Qb3 -0.01/21

[12.c4± 0.40/21 is more appropriate.]

12...d5? 3.84/23 This move loses the
game for Black.

[12...a6= -0.01/21 and Black stays
safe. 13.Nxf7+ Rxf7 14.Qxf7 axb5]

13.Be3+- d4 14.cxd4 2.19/22

[14.Rad1 4.26/24 Bd7 15.Nxd4]

14...Qf5? 3.87/22

[14...Qd5 2.19/22 15.Bc4 Qd7
16.Nxf7+ Rxf7]

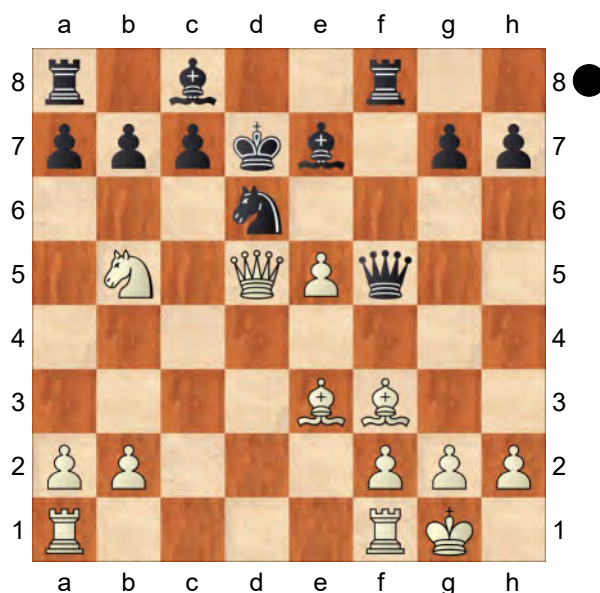
15.Nxf7+ Kd7 5.42/21

[15...Rxf7 3.79/22 might work better.
16.Qxf7 Be6 17.Qxg7 Kd7]

16.Bf3 Ne4 6.55/23

[16...Nb4 4.15/22 17.Bd2 (17.Qc4
c6+-) 17...Qxb5]

17.Ne5+ Nxe5 18.Qd5+ Nd6 19.dxe5



Pin 19...c6 20.e6+? 2.20/25

[20.Qd4 7.41/24 c5 21.Qd5]

20...Kd8 21.Qxf5 Really sharp!

[Don't take 21.Nxd6?! cxd5 22.Nxf5 Rxf5]

21...Rxf5 22.Nd4

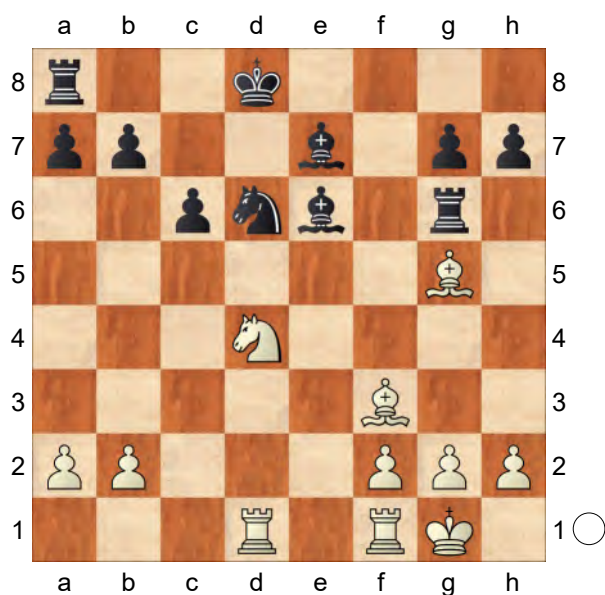
[22.Nxa7 Bxe6 23.Rfd1 Kc7=]

22...Rf6 23.Rad1 Hoping for Be3-g5.

23...Bxe6 3.53/23

[23...h6 2.36/22 24.Bg4 Ke8]

24.Bg5 Rg6



25.Nxc6+! 2.14/23 bxc6 26.Rxd6+!
Ke8? 6.95/22

[26...Bd7 2.14/27]

27.Bxc6+ Weighted Error Value:
White=0.67/Black=1.15

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Pinkerley

London

C56

1850

[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C56: Two Knights: 4 d4 exd4 5 0-0 Nxe4
 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0
 Nf6 5.c3 0-0 6.d4 exd4

[6...Bb6 7.d5 Nxe4 8.dxc6 bxc6
 9.Qe2 Nc5 10.Nxe5 d5 11.Nxc6
 Qd6 12.Ne7+ Kh8 13.Bxd5 Re8
 14.Ng6+ hxg6 15.Qxe8+ Kh7
 16.Bxf7 Bb7 17.Qe3 Qd5 18.Bxd5
 Bxd5 19.Qh3+ Kg8 20.Be3 Be6
 21.Qg3 Alvarez, R (2557)-Kokkila, T
 (2628) email CAPA 1997 77 telechess
 [Roberto Alvarez] 1-0 (32)]

7.cxd4 Bb6 1.68/22

[7...Be7± 0.95/20 was worth a try.]

8.e5 0.43/20

[8.d5!+- 1.68/22]

8...d5± 9.exf6N -0.22/21

[9.Bb3!± 0.45/19 Ne4 10.Nc3 Nxc3
 11.bxc3 Bg4 12.h3 Be6 13.Be3 h6
 14.Kh2 f5 15.g3 Ne7 16.Nh4 g5
 17.Qh5 Kg7 18.Ng2 Qe8 19.Qe2 c6
 20.Bc2 Ng6 21.Rg1 g4 22.f4 h5
 23.Raf1 Qe7 24.Rh1 Qa3 25.Qd3
 Dukhov, A-Guerlach, F Dortmund 1867
 CYB 01 [De Firmian, Nick E] 1-0 (34)]

9...dxc4= 10.Bg5 -0.43/23

[10.fxg7= -0.08/21 Kxg7 11.d5]

10...g6 0.45/20

[10...gxf6± -0.43/23 11.Bh6 Re8]

11.d5!± Nb8 1.75/22

[11...Nb4= 0.25/22]

12.b3 0.66/20

[White should try 12.Re1+- 1.75/22]

12...cxb3 13.Qxb3 Bg4 14.Nbd2!↑

And now Ra1-e1 would win. White has
 good play. 14...Bxf3 15.Nxf3 0.25/22

[Inferior is 15.gxf3 Qd7±]

[15.Qxf3± 1.32/22 Hoping for Ra1-e1.
 c6 16.Rad1]

15...Qd7 1.28/20

[15...Qd6= 0.25/22]

16.Bc1 0.12/22 & Bianco is much more
 active.

[16.Rfe1!± 1.28/20]

16...c6 1.07/21

[16...Re8= 0.12/22]

17.Ne5 -0.35/23

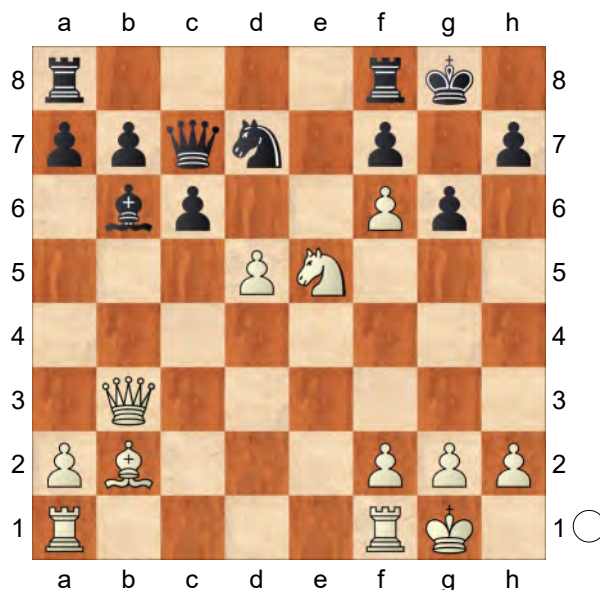
[17.Ba3± 1.07/21 Rd8 18.d6]

17...Qc7? 2.71/21

[17...Qxd5± -0.35/23 keeps the upper
 hand. 18.Qxd5 cxd5]

18.Bb2 aiming for Qb3-h3. 18...Nd7?
 3.76/22

[18...Bc5 1.82/22 19.Rac1 Bd6]



19.Ng4? 0.75/24

[19.d6!+- 3.76/22 and the rest is
 easy. Qxd6

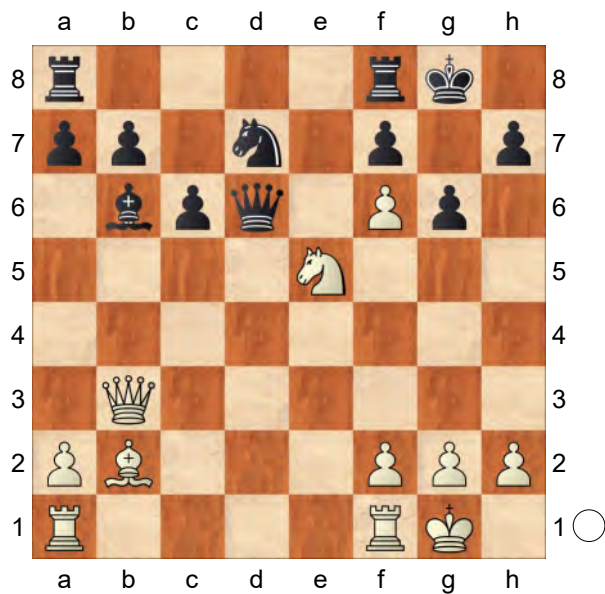
(Diagram)

20.Rfd1!]

19...Nc5? 14.39/23

[19...Qf4± 0.75/24 20.dxc6 Qxg4]

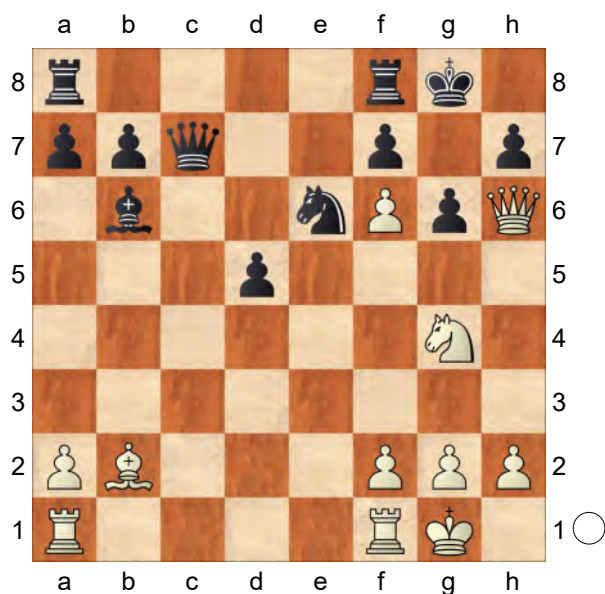
20.Qe3+- Ne6 21.Qh6 Threatening



mate with Qh6-g7+!

[Not 21.Nh6+ Kh8 22.Nxf7+ Rxf7+-]

21...cxd5



22.Qg7+! Clearance 22...Nxg7 23.Nh6+ Kh8 24.fxg7# Weighted Error Value:
White=0.95/Black=1.27

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□ Bird, Henry Edward

■ Steinitz, William

Match Steinitz-Bird +7-5=5 (12) 10.1866
[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.e5 Ne4 6.0-0 a6 7.Ba4 -0.42/21

[7.Bxc6= 0.00/21 is more appropriate. dxc6 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.c3 0-0 10.Re1 f5 11.f3 Ng5 12.Be3 f4 13.Bf2 Ne6 14.Qb3 Qd5 15.Nd2 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 17.cxd4 Be6 18.Qxd5 Bxd5 19.Ne4 a5 20.Nc3 Rad8 21.Rad1 Kf7 22.Kf2 Ke7 23.Rd2 Guseinov, G (2659)-Shirov, A (2745) Baku 2009 CBM 135 [Erenburg, Sergey] ½-½ (32) Rd7 24.Na4 b6 25.b3 Be6 26.Red1 Rfd8 27.Ke1 g5 28.Nc3 Bd5 29.Rc1 Be6 30.Rcd1 Bd5 31.Rc1 Be6 32.Rcd1 1-0 (32) Sargissian, G (2674)-Grandelius, N (2545) Plovdiv 2012 CBM 148 [Postny, Evgeny]]

7...Nc5! 8.c3N

[8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.Nxd4 Be7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Be3 f6 12.exf6 Rxf6 13.Qe2 Rg6 14.Kh1 Bd6 15.Rad1 Qh4 16.f4 Bg4 17.Nf3 Qh5 18.Bxc5 Bxc5 19.Ne4 Bb6 20.Neg5 h6 21.Qc4+ Kh8 22.Nf7+ Kh7 Barnett, C-Hariman, A corr CCLA 1999 UltraCorr3a [Hariman] ½-½ (40) 23.N7e5 Rf6 24.Nxg4 Qxg4 25.Ne5 Qe6 26.Qe4+ Qf5 27.Qxf5+ Rxf5 28.g4 Rf6 29.f5 Re8 30.Ng6 Re2 31.Rd8 Rxg6 32.fxg6+ Kxg6 33.Rd7 Rxc2 34.Rff7 Bd4 35.Rxc7 Rxb2 36.Rxb7 Rxa2 37.h4 a5 5.Be2 Nd7 6.00 h6-N, N Uzes 1858 Inf 08 [FS 494] 0-1 (40)]

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8...Nxa4 -0.18/22

[8...d3 ̸ -0.53/22]

9.Qxa4= b5 10.Qc2 dxc3 0.60/21

[Better is 10...d6= -0.09/20]

11.Nxc3± Nc3-d5 is the strong threat.

11...Be7 12.Nd5 White has compensation. 12...Bb7 13.Bd2 -0.01/21

[13.Be3± 0.57/22]

13...h6 14.Rfe1 0-0 15.Qf5 f6

16.Bxh6 fxe5? 2.54/25

[16...Nxe5!= 0.22/21 17.Ng5 (17.Nxe5 fxe5 18.Qxe5 Bf6±) 17...fxg5 18.Qxe5 Bf6 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Qxf6 Rxf6 21.Bxg5 Rf5]

17.Qg6+- Rf7 18.Re4!

[18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Bd6±]

18...Qf8 19.Bg5 0.42/23

[19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Rf6 22.Qxg7+ Qxg7 ̸]

[White has to play 19.Rg4!+- 1.61/23]

19...Rxf3± 20.gxf3 Dancing on a razor blade. 20...Bxg5 21.Qxg5 Re8!

Hoping for ...Nc6-d4. 22.Rae1 -0.01/20

[22.Rg4!± 0.42/25 Re6 23.Nxc7]

22...Re6!=

[22...Nd4? 23.Rxd4! Bxd5 24.Rxd5+-]

23.Nxc7 Rh6 1.66/24

[23...Nd4= -0.01/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 24.Rxd4 (24.Nxe6 Nxf3+ 25.Kf1 dxe6=) 24...Qxf3]

24.Rg4!+- Kh7

(Diagram)

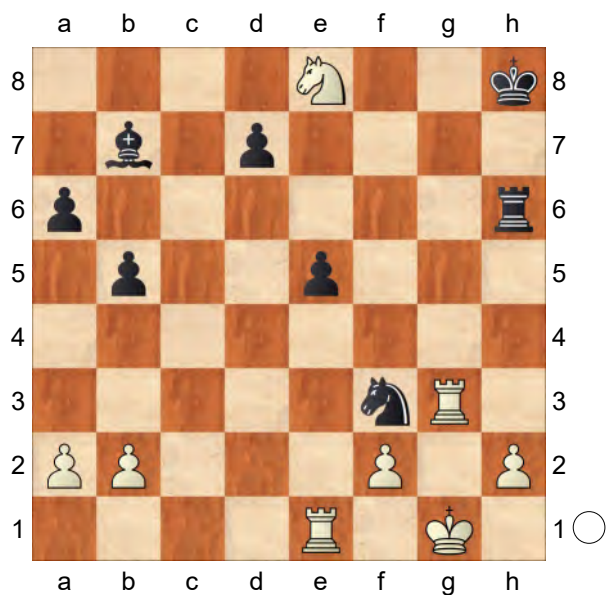
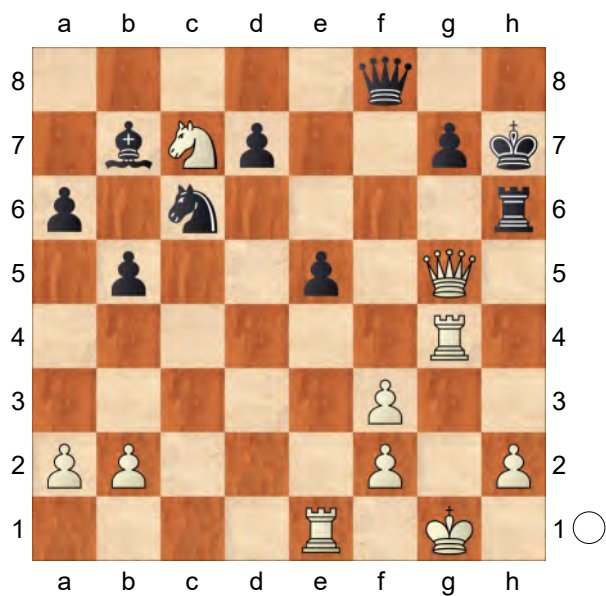
aiming for ... Nc6-d4. 25.Ne8! 0.82/26

Nd4± 26.Qxg7+ Qxg7 27.Rxg7+ Kh8

28.Rg3 0.35/24

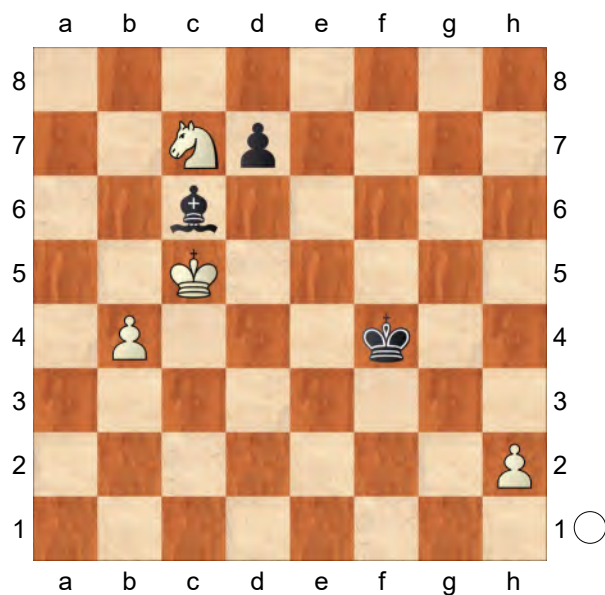
[28.Rxd7± 0.94/24 Nxf3+ 29.Kf1 Nxe1 30.Kxe1 (30.Rxb7 Nd3=)]

28...Nxf3+



29.Rxf3! Bxf3 30.Rxe5±
 Endgame KRB-KRN **30...Rg6+ 0.67/24**
 [30...Kh7= 0.25/23]
31.Kf1 Rc6 0.56/25
 [31...d6!= 0.07/24 is superior. 32.Re3 Bc6]
32.Ke1 Rc2 33.Re3 Bg4 34.f3 0.01/24
 [34.Nf6± 0.57/21 Bf5 35.Re2]
34...Be6 35.Re2 Rxe2+ 2.42/24
 [35...Rc8= 0.07/21 36.Nd6 Rc6]
36.Kxe2+- Bxa2= KB-KN 37.b4 Bd5
38.f4 Bc6 3.19/29
 [38...Bf7 2.12/26 keeps fighting.

39.Nc7 Kg7 40.Nxa6 Kf8]
39.Ke3 Kg8 40.Kd4 1.35/25
 [40.h4+- 2.77/26]
40...Kf7± 41.Nc7 Bb7 42.Kc5 0.72/27
 [42.h4 1.58/26]
42...Kf6 1.75/28
 [42...Kg6± 0.72/27]
43.Kb6 0.25/28
 [43.Ne8+!+- 1.75/28 Ke6 44.Kb6]
43...Bf3 44.Kxa6
 [Don't take 44.Nxa6 Kf5±]
44...Kf5 45.Kxb5 And now Kb5-c5
would win. 45...Bc6+? 3.02/32
 [45...Kxf4= 0.29/24 46.Kc5 Kg4]
46.Kc5+- Kxf4



47.b5? 0.01/28
 [47.Ne6+!+- 2.27/28 Kg4 (47...Ke5 48.Nd8) 48.Nd4]
47...Kg4!= The position is equal. **48.b6**
 Threatens to win with Kc5-d6. **48...Kh3!**
49.Nd5 Kxh2 50.Nb4 Ba8 51.Kd6
Kg3 52.Kxd7 Kf4 53.Kc7 Ke5 54.Kd7
Kd4 55.Kc7 Kc5 56.Nd3+ The Chess
 World 1866/67, p. 306. Weighted Error
 Value: White=0.34/Black=0.43
 1/2-1/2

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□ De Vere, Cecil Valentine

■ Bird, Henry Edward

British CA Challenge Cup-02 11.1868
[Hokmome, Naruemon]C63: Ruy Lopez: Schliemann/ Jaenisch
Defence Womanhood x (July 1903) p.138 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5
4.d3 d6 5.Nc3 Nf6 0.75/20[5...fxe4!± 0.41/18 6.dxe4 (6.Nxe4
Nf6±) 6...Nf6]

6.a3 0.21/20

[6.exf5!± 0.75/20 d3-d4 is the strong
threat. a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Qe2]6...Bd7 7.Bc4 h6 0.75/19 Against Nf3-
g5

[7...f4= 0.25/19]

8.Nh4!± White is better. 8...f4N

[8...Ne7 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 g6
11.Qe2 Bg7 12.0-0 Kf8 13.Rae1 g5
14.e5 dxe5 15.Bxe5 gxh4 16.Bxc7
Qe8 17.Bd6 Nfg8 18.Nd5 Bd4+
19.Kh1 Rh7 20.Nxe7 Nxe7 21.Qg4
Rg7 22.Qxd4 1-0 (22) Thomas, G-
Mackenzie, A corr 1903 UltraCorrX
[Thomas; Womanhood, July 1903]]9.Ng6 Rh7 10.f3 & Bianco is more
active. 10...Ne7 0.82/22

[10...Nh5± 0.49/21]

11.Nxf8 Kxf8 12.Bd2 0.19/21

[Better is 12.d4± 0.71/20]

12...g5 13.Qe2! a5 0.73/20

[13...Rb8= 0.18/20]

14.Nd1 -0.53/20

[14.Qf2!± 0.73/20]

14...b5± And now ...Ne7-c6 would win.

15.Ba2 c5 16.c3 h5 17.Nf2 h4
-0.16/19 Prevents g2-g3.

[17...Qb6± -0.71/20]

18.d4 Qb6 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.Bd5
-0.89/20

[20.a4= -0.07/20 remains equal.]

C63

20...Re8 -0.51/20

[20...Nexd5± -0.89/20 21.exd5 c4]

21.c4 bxc4 -0.04/18

[21...Nexd5± -0.71/20 22.cxd5 b4]

22.Bxc4= Qxb2 1.42/22

[22...Nc6= -0.01/22]

23.0-0± Nc6 24.Rfb1! Qd4 Threatens
to win with ... g5-g4. 25.Rd1 -0.10/16

[25.h3± 0.66/20]

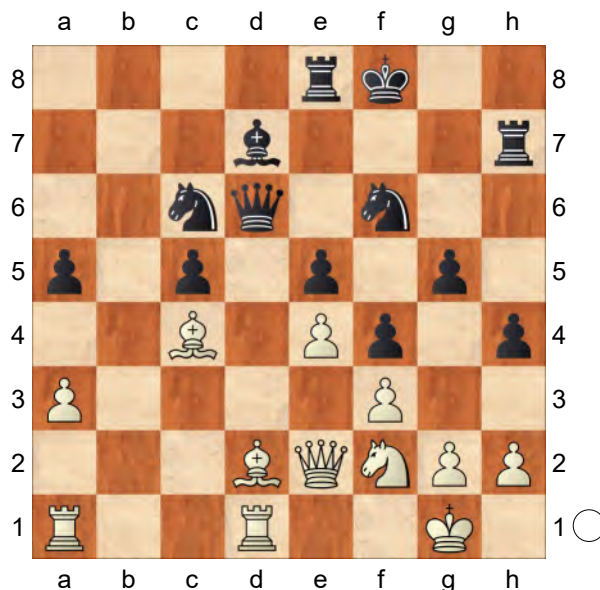
25...Qd6!=

[25...Be6?

26.Bxe6

Rxe6

27.Bxf4!+-]



26.Bxf4! Nd4

(Diagram)

27.Rxd4 cxd4

[Don't take 27...Qxd4 28.Rd1 gxf4
29.Rxd4 cxd4 30.Nd3±]

28.Bxg5 Rc8 29.Bd3 -0.42/21

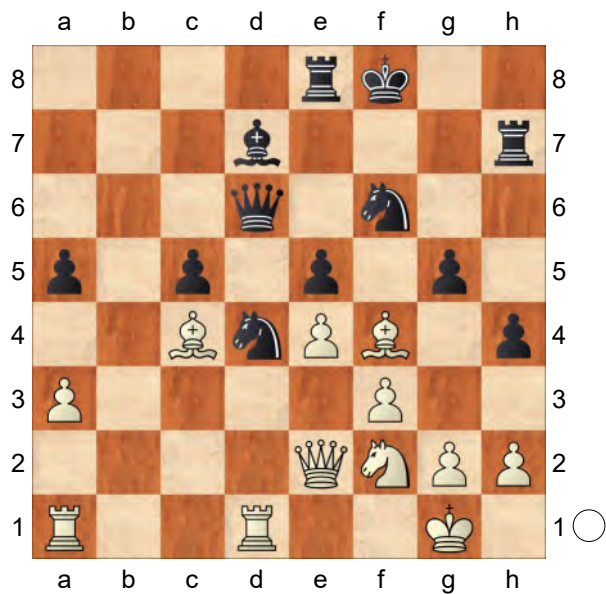
A strong pair of Bishops.

[29.f4= 0.01/20 deserves
consideration.]

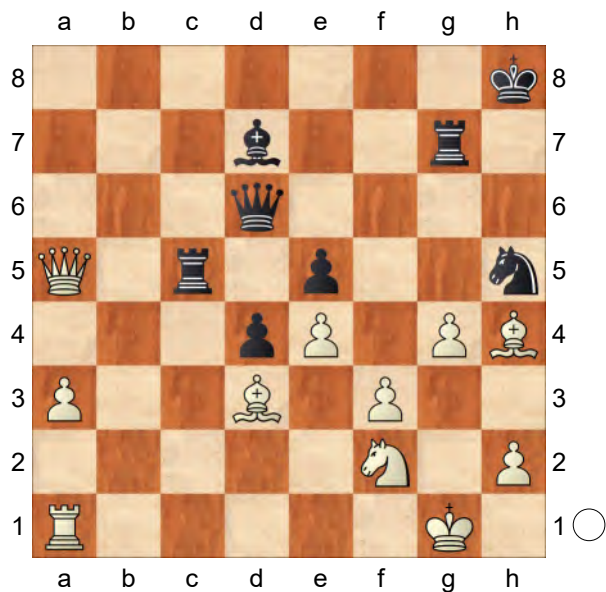
29...Kg7 0.01/22

[29...h3± -0.42/21 30.g3 Kg8]

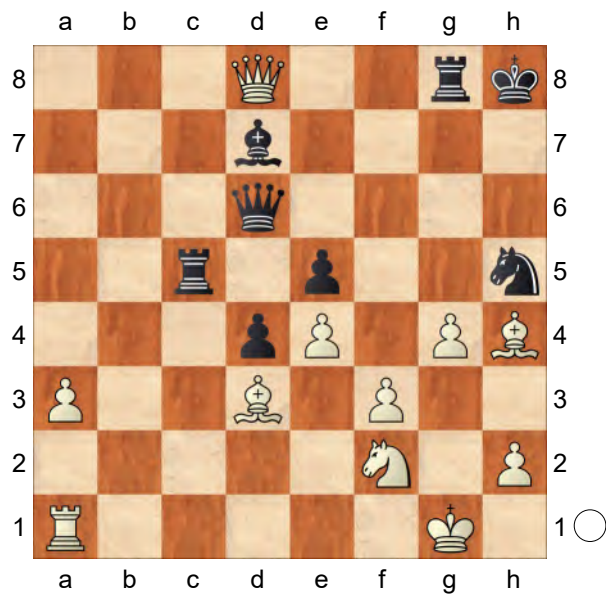
30.Qd2 Kh8 31.Qxa5 Black must now
prevent Ra1-b1. 31...Rg7? 2.06/22



[31...h3= -0.01/22 32.Qb4 Qf8]
32.Bxh4+- Nh5 33.g4? 0.01/22
 [33.Bf1!+- 2.08/22]
33...Rc5 1.17/21
 [Don't do 33...Nf4 34.Bg3±]
 [33...Rc3= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]



34.Qd8+ 0.52/25
 [34.Qd2!± 1.17/21]
34...Rg8? 2.18/25
 [Black should try 34...Kh7!± 0.52/25]



35.Qe7! Qc6 36.Bg3 Nxc3 37.hxc3
 aiming for Kg1-g2. Dancing on a razor blade. **37...Rg7 2.35/24**

[37...Re8 1.72/24 is a better defense.
 38.Qg5 Rg8 39.Qh4+ Kg7]
38.Qd8+ Kh7 39.Kg2 Hoping for Ra1-h1+. **39...Rc1 4.95/24**

[39...Kg6 2.54/24 40.Rh1 Qc8]
40.Rxc1 Qxc1 41.f4 Qxa3? 13.58/23
 [41...Qc5 3.96/25 42.Nh3 Bc6
 43.Ng5+ Rxc5]
42.Qh4+ Kg6 43.Qh5+ 6.86/5
 Hindle, Jones: The English Morphy?, p. 95. Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.54

[43.Bc4 17.84/26 exf4 44.Nd3 f3+
 45.Kf2 Qxd3 46.Qh5+ Kf6 47.Qh6+
 Ke7 48.Qxc7+ Ke8 49.Bxd3]

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□ Fleissig, Bernhard

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Wien International-02 25years WienerSK (19)
[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C22

C22: Centre Game 1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4
3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Nf6
6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0-0 Re8 8.f3[8.Qg3 Rxe4 9.a3 Rg4 10.Qf3 Bc5
11.h3 Rd4 12.g4 Ne5 13.Qg2 c6
14.f4 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.g5 Ne8
17.Nf3 Gattass,A (2421)-Alster (2497)
Carlsen Invitational, Internet (rapid)
2011 Telechess CBM 89 [Sunday
Referee 25 June 1933]]

8...d5 And now ...d5-d4 would win.

9.Be1N

[9.Qf2 dxe4 10.Bg5 Bd7 (10...Bd6
11.Nd5 Ng4 12.Qh4 f6 13.Bc4 Be6
14.fxg4 fxg5 15.Qe1 Ne5 16.Bb3
Nxg4 17.Nh3 e3 18.Qe2 Kh8
19.Nxe3 Bf5 20.Rd3 Bxd3 21.Qxg4
Bg6 22.Nd5 c6 23.Nc3 Qf6 24.Kb1
h6 0-1 (24) Delorme,A (2285)-
Duboue,P (2263) Sautron 2014 EXT
2016 [ChessBase II] 11.Nd5 e3
12.Qh4 Bd2+ 13.Kb1 e2 14.Bxe2
Bxg5 15.Qxg5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 Be6
17.Qc5 Qe7 18.Qxe7 Nxe7 19.Bd3
Nd5 20.Ne2 Ne3 21.Rdg1 Rad8
22.Nf4 Rd4 23.Nxe6 Rxe6
Grott,P (1299)-Vetter,U www.desc-
online.de 1999 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 6
(30s)] ½-½ 24.g3]

9...d4 10.Qf2 Black is slightly better.

10...Qe7 11.Nb5 -1.07/22

[White should try 11.Nce2! -0.47/20]

11...Bc5+ & Nero is more active.

[11...Qe5 12.Bxb4 Nxb4 13.Qxd4±]

12.Qg3 -1.57/21

[12.Ne2 -1.12/22]

12...Bb6 -0.38/19

[12...Rd8 -1.57/21 Threatens to win
with ...a7-a6. 13.Kb1 (13.Nxc7?
Bd6+; 13.Qxc7? Rd7+) 13...a6
14.Nxc7 Bd6! 15.Nxa8 Bxg3
16.Bxg3 Bd7]

13.Ne2+ Nh5 0.50/22

[13...Rd8! -0.60/19]

14.Qh4± Qe5 15.Na3 Be6 1.27/22

[15...Nf6± 0.32/20]

16.Kb1 0.36/20

[16.f4± 1.27/22 Qxe4 17.Qxh5]

16...Nf6 17.Nc1 Qc5 18.g4 Qe7

19.Qg3 -0.08/19

[19.Bg3± 0.57/19]

19...Bc5= 20.Nc4 b5 21.Na5 Nxa5

22.Bxa5 c6 0.37/18

[22...Bd6= -0.01/21 23.Qf2 c5]

23.h4 0.01/20

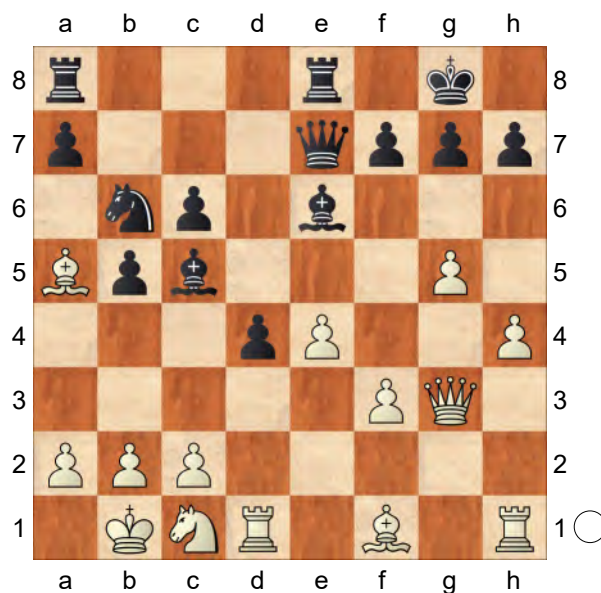
[23.Bc7± 0.37/18]

23...Nd7 0.95/19

[23...Bb6= 0.01/20 remains equal.

24.Bd2 (24.Bxb6 axb6 25.b3
Qb4+) 24...Bc4]

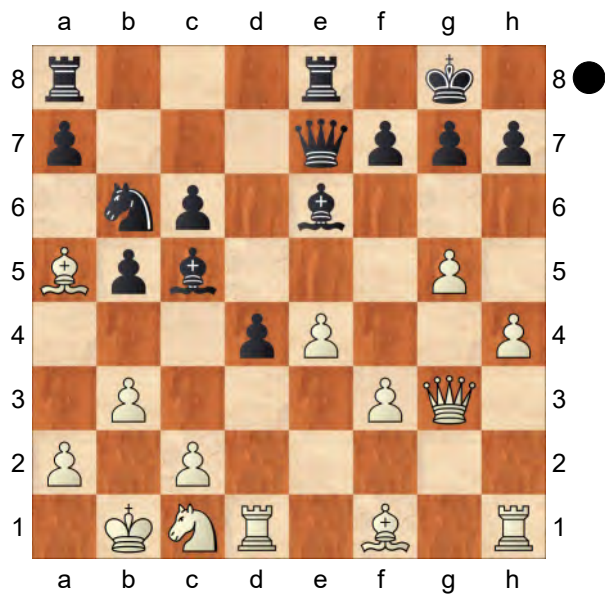
24.g5!± Nb6



25.b3 -0.54/20

[White should play 25.Nb3!± 1.15/20]

(Diagram)



Prevents Nb6-c4. **25...Rab8** 0.18/19

[25...Nc4! $\bar{f}$ -0.54/20 26.bxc4
(26.Bxc4 bxc4) 26...bxc4]

26.Bxb6

[26.h5 keeps more tension. Nc4
27.h6 g6 28.Bc7]

26...axb6 27.h5 Ra8 0.68/19

[Better is 27...Ba3= -0.01/20]

28.Bd3? -0.93/24

[28.g6± 0.68/19]

28...Ba3 aiming for ...Ba3xc1. **29.h6?**
-4.10/25 Now White is beyond hope.

[29.Qf4 $\bar{f}$ -0.75/21 is more resistant.]

29...Bxc1+ 30.Kxc1 Bxb3 31.hxg7?
-8.23/27

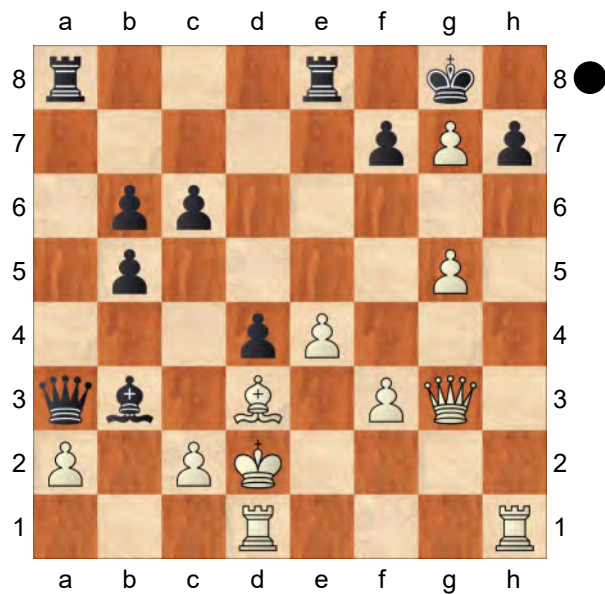
[31.axb3? leads to mate. Qb4
32.hxg7 Ra1+ 33.Kb2 Qc3#]

[31.Qh2 -3.40/21 Qa3+ 32.Kd2 Bxc2
33.Kxc2 Qxa2+ 34.Kc1 Qa1+
35.Kd2 Qc3+ 36.Ke2 Ra2+ 37.Kf1
Rxh2 38.Rxh2]

31...Qa3+ 32.Kd2

(Diagram)

Bxc2 Black is clearly winning. **33.Ke2**
Bxd1+ 34.Rxd1 Qxa2+ 35.Kf1 Qb3
36.Ke1 Qc3+ 37.Kf1 Ra2 ...Ra2-d2 is



the strong threat. **38.f4 Rd2 39.Rxd2**

Qxd2 40.e5 Ra8 Christiaan Bijl: Das II.
Internationale Schachmeisterturnier
Wien 1882, p. 243. Weighted Error
Value: White=0.79/Black=0.39

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□ Minchin, James Innes

■ Bird, Henry Edward

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[Hokmome, Naruemon]

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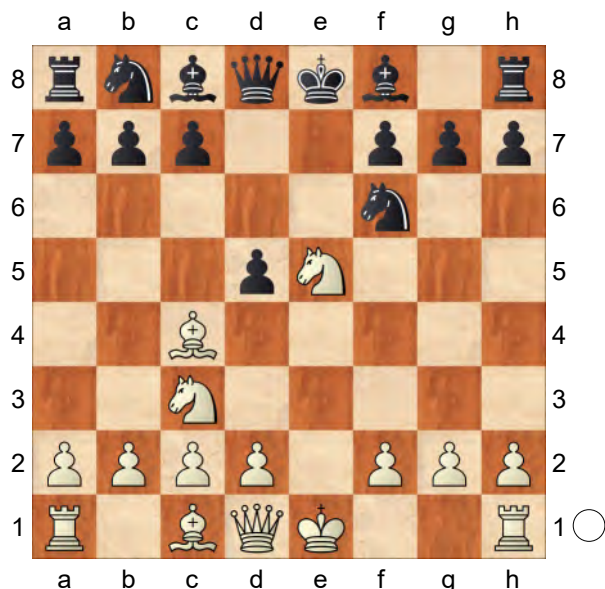
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C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves 1.e4 e5

2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxe4 4.Nc3 Nf6N

[4...Nxc3 5.dxc3 f6 6.0-0 (6.Nh4 g6 7.f4 Qe7 8.f5 Qg7 9.fxg6 hxc6 10.Qg4 g5 11.Nf5 Qh7 12.Bd3 Qf7 13.Rf1 Qe6 14.Bxg5 Qg8 15.Nd6+ cxd6 16.Rxf6 Be7 17.Rg6 Qf7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Rg8+ Rxc8 20.Qxg8+ Qf8 Bracker, F (2435)-Sadhvani, R (2246) Stockholm 2016 [Mikhalchishin, Adrian] 6...g6 (6...Nc6 7.Nh4 g6 8.f4 f5 9.Nxf5 d5 #2 77) 2.Bc4-2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nf3; 6...c6 7.Nxe5 fxe5 8.Qh5+ Ke7 9.Qxe5# 3 Chapter 1-Game 3 Game) 7.Re1 d6 8.Nxe5 fxe5 9.Rxe5+ Be7 10.Re2 Nc6 11.Qd5 Qd7 12.Bg5 Kd8 13.Rae1 Re8 14.Bb5 Morphy Gambit Analysis 2011]

5.Nxe5 d5



6.Qe2 Be6 7.Bb3 c6 Prevents Qe2-

b5. 8.d4 The position is equal. 8...h6 0.78/22

[8...Nbd7= 0.01/21]

9.0-0± White stays focused until the end.

9...Be7 10.f4 g6 1.51/23

[10...0-0± 0.60/21]

11.Bd2 & Bianco is more active. 11...Qd6 1.78/23

[11...Rg8± 1.42/21 was called for. 12.Nxg6 Rxc6]

12.Rae1+- Rg8 13.Kh1 Nbd7 2.86/25

[13...h5 1.67/20 was necessary. 14.Nxg6 fxc6]

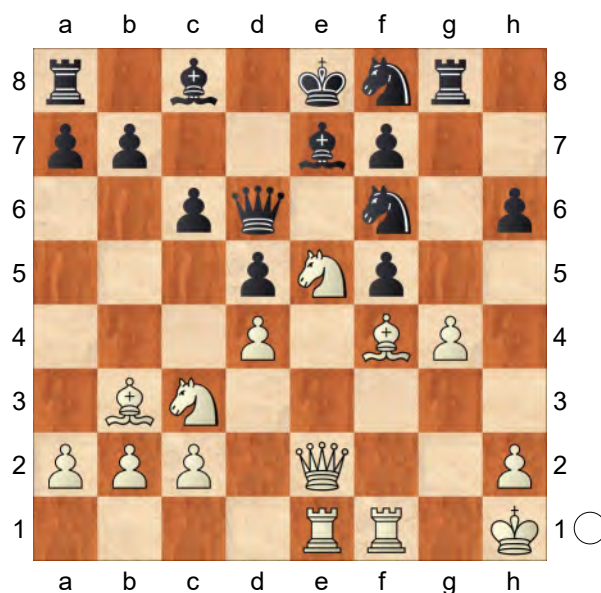
14.g4 Nf8? 4.74/21

[14...Bxg4 2.70/23 15.Nxg4 Nxg4 16.Qxg4 0-0-0]

15.f5 White is clearly winning. 15...Bc8 7.59/23

[15...g5 4.99/21 16.fxe6 Nxe6]

16.Bf4 gxf5

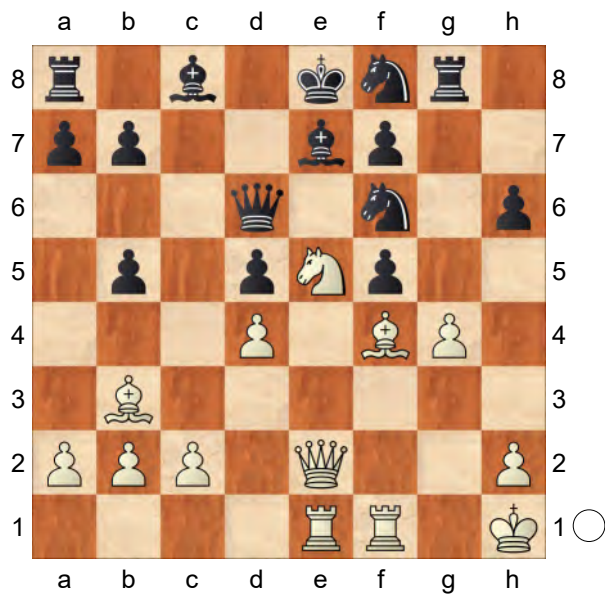


17.Nb5! 5.08/24 cxb5

(Diagram)

18.Ng6! Discovered Attack 18...Qe6 19.Qxb5+ Bd7 20.Qxb7

[20.Rxe6 Bxb5 21.Rxe7+ Kd8 22.Bc7+ Kc8 23.Nxf8 Bxf1 24.Rxf7



(24.Be5 Rxf8 25.Bxf6 Bc4=)
24...Nxg4±]

20...fxg6 21.Qxa8+ Kf7 22.Rxe6 Nxe6
23.Qxa7 Bb5 24.Re1 Re8 25.Be5
fxg4 26.Bxf6 Kxf6 27.Rxe6+

Transactions of the British Chess
Association, p. 20. Weighted Error
Value: White=0.49/Black=0.47

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□ Perrin, Frederick
 ■ Bird, Henry Edward
 New York Cafe Intern
[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C58

1876

C58: Two Knights: 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5
 sidelines 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4
 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.d3 Bc5
 0.43/21

[6...h6!= -0.12/20 7.Nf3 e4 8.Nd4
 (8.Qe2 Nxc4 9.dxc4 Bc5 10.Nfd2
 0-0 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Qe1 Qd7 13.Nb3
 Bf3 14.Bf4 Qg4 15.Bg3 Nh5
 16.Nxc5 Nf4 17.Nd2 Qh3
 0-1 (17) Carbone, D (2152)-Gebauer, R
 (1803) ICCF 2011 OPN, C00 [Oim/
 Pokhla]) 8...Bc5 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bb5+
 c6 11.dxc6 0-0 12.cxb7 Nxe3
 13.fxe3 Bxb7 14.Nc3 Qh4+ 15.Kf1
 Qf6+ 16.Ke2 Rad8 17.Nxe4 Bxe4
 18.dxe4 Qg5 19.Kf2 Bxd4 20.exd4
 Qxb5 21.b3 Nc6 22.c3 f5
 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 c5_45379 (2340) -
 Florjancic, R (2550) Wijk aan Zee 1986
 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh] ½-½ (61)]

7.Nc3N

[7.b4 Bxb4+ 8.c3 Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be7
 10.0-0 0-0 11.f4 e4 12.Nd2 Bg4
 13.Qc2 Re8 14.Ndxe4 Nxe4
 15.Nxe4 Bf5 16.Nf6+ Bxf6 17.Qxf5
 Bxc3 18.Rb1 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Qe7
 20.Bb2 Bc5 21.Qg4 f6 7.Bd2 0-0 8.
 000 c5-Makogonov, V Hungary 1864
 ZUS D57 [Grimm, K F] 1-0 (33)]

7...0-0 8.0-0 Bf5 9.Qe2 0.14/23

[9.Qf3± 0.51/21 Bg6 10.Nge4 Nxe4
 11.Nxe4]

9...Re8 0.96/20

[9...Nxc4= 0.14/23 keeps the
 balance. 10.dxc4 e4]

10.Nce4 0.38/21

[10.Nge4± 0.96/20 Bxe4 11.dxe4]

10...Be7 3.32/20

[10...Nxc4± 0.38/21 11.dxc4 Bf8]

11.Nxf6+? 0.51/20

[11.d6!+- 3.32/20 Nxc4 12.dxe7
 Rxe7 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.dxc4]

11...Bxf6 12.Ne4 Be7 0.85/23

[12...Nxc4± 0.52/22 13.dxc4 Be7]

13.Bd2 0.31/19

[White should play 13.Ng3± 0.85/23
 Nxc4 14.Nxf5]

13...Nxc4 14.dxc4 Bg6 15.Bc3 0.01/20

[15.a3± 0.45/18 should be
 considered.]

15...f5= 16.Ng3 And now Ng3xf5! would
 win. 16...e4 0.67/19

[16...Bd6= 0.01/19]

17.f3 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 e3 19.f4 b5 20.b4
 Be7 21.Qxe3 Bxb4 22.Qd4 0.39/22

[22.Be5!± 1.00/23]

22...Bf8 1.35/19

[22...Bxc3± 0.39/22 23.Qxc3 bxc4]

23.c5 0.35/22

[23.cxb5± 1.35/19 a6 24.a4]

23...h5 1.15/22

[Black should try 23...Qe7± 0.35/22]

24.Rae1 0.43/23

[Better is 24.Rfe1!± 1.15/22]

24...h4 1.02/20

[24...Qd7± 0.43/23]

25.Ne2? -1.82/21

[25.Rxe8!± 1.02/20 is necessary to
 keep the advantage. Qxe8 26.Re1!]

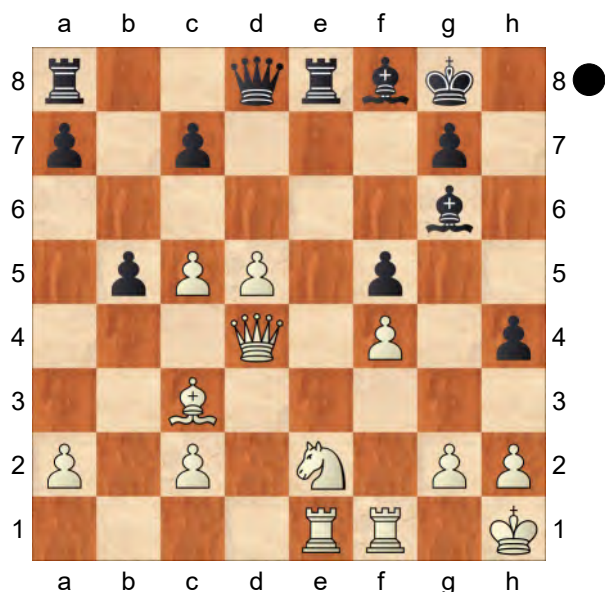
(Diagram)

0x0. 0023519e823fdp-1022s more active
 pieces. 25...Re4 -0.71/23

[25...Bf7!+- -1.82/21 has better
 winning chances. 26.d6 cxd6]

26.Qd3 -1.59/22

[♠26.Qd2 -0.71/23]



26...b4? 0.39/21

[26...Bxc5 27.Be5=]

[26...Bf7+ -1.59/22 Strongly threatening ...b5-b4. 27.Nd4 (27.Qxb5 Qxd5 28.Ng1 Qxc5+) 27...Qxd5]

27.Be5!±

[27.Qa6? Bf7 28.Be5 h3-+]

27...Bxc5 28.c4 Threatens to win with Ne2-d4. **28...Re3** 1.09/21

[28...bxc3= 0.29/20 29.Nxc3 Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Qd7]

29.Qd2± Black is on the road to losing.

29...Qd7 1.98/24

[29...Re4± 0.97/21]

30.Nd4↑ Black is under strong pressure.

30...Bxd4 31.Qxd4

[Much less strong is 31.Bxd4?! Re4±]

31...Ra3 32.Re2 Bh5 33.Rd2 Rb8 2.64/22

[33...h3± 1.51/21 was worth a try. 34.Qc5 a5]

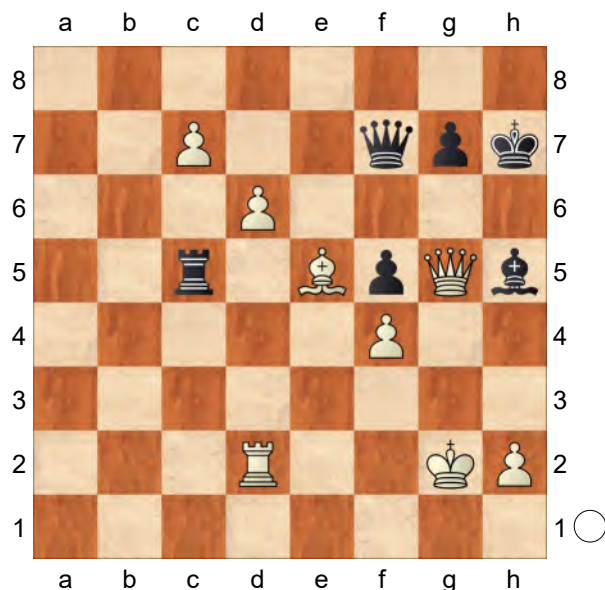
34.c5 b3? 4.92/23

[34...Qb5 1.89/22 35.Rg1 Rc3]

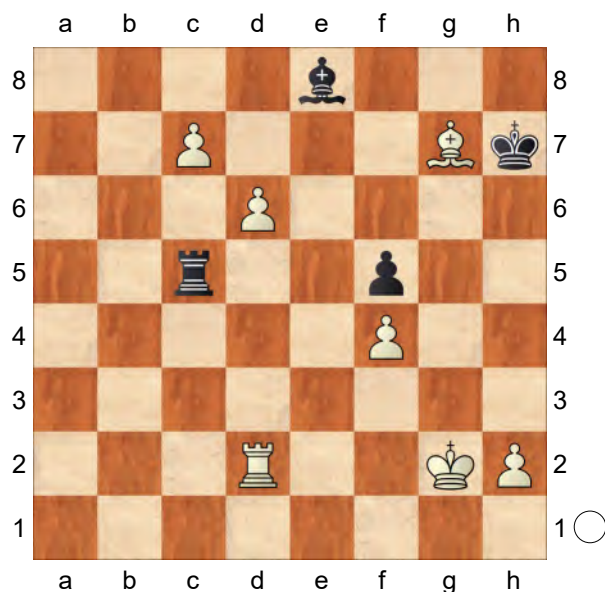
35.axb3 aiming for c5-c6. **35...Raxb3**

36.c6 Qf7 37.Qxa7 Rb1 38.Kg1 h3 (→ ...Rb1xf1+) 39.Qxc7 Rxf1+

40.Kxf1 Rb1+ 41.Kf2 Hoping for Qc7xf7+. **41...Qg6 42.Qd8+ Kh7 43.Qg5 Qf7 44.c7 Rc1 45.d6** Threatening mate with d6-d7. **45...hxg2 46.Kxg2** White wants to mate with d6-d7. **46...Rc5**



47.Qxg7+! 8.83/5 Qxg7+ **48.Bxg7 Be8**



49.d7! Deutsche Schachzeitung 1876, p. 239. Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.80

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□ Pitschel, C..

■ Bird, Henry Edward

Paris (7)

[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C41

1878

C41: Philidor Defence 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 exd4 5.Nxd4 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.b3 d5 10.e5 Ne8 0.78/20

[10...Nd7!= 0.16/17 remains equal.]

11.f4 White is better. 11...f5 1.25/21

[Black should try 11...f6± 0.62/21]

12.Be3 g6 13.Na4 Ng7 14.Qd2 Qd7 1.38/22

[Δ14...Ne6 1.05/21]

15.Qa5 Ne6 16.Rad1 1.15/19

[Δ16.Nc5 1.55/20 Nxc5 17.Bxc5]

16...Rd8 1.47/19

[Δ16...Rb8 1.15/19 17.g3 (17.Qxa7 Bb7±) 17...Bb7]

17.Nc5± Bxc5 18.Bxc5 Bb7 19.Rf3 Kf7 1.83/18

[19...Qe8± 1.40/18 was called for. 20.Ba3 a6]

20.Rh3 1.22/20

[20.h4+- 1.83/18]

20...Kg7 21.Rf1 Re8 22.Rhf3 Rad8 23.Rd1

[23.Qxa7 Ra8 24.Qxb7 Reb8 25.Qxb8 (25.Bf8+? Kxf8 26.Qxb8+ Rxb8-+) 25...Rxb8=]

23...a6 24.b4 Kh8 25.Qa3 0.04/16

[25.Bxa6? Ra8 26.b5 Nxc5-+]

[Better is 25.Rf2± 1.49/19]

25...Rg8 1.29/19

[25...Rb8!= 0.04/16]

26.Qc3

[Don't go for 26.Bxa6? Ra8 27.Bxb7 (27.b5? cxb5 28.Be7 Rgb8-+) 27...Rxa3 28.Rxa3 Rb8-+]

26...Rg7 27.Kh1 Rdg8 28.Be3 0.88/19

[Δ28.Bd3! 1.32/18]

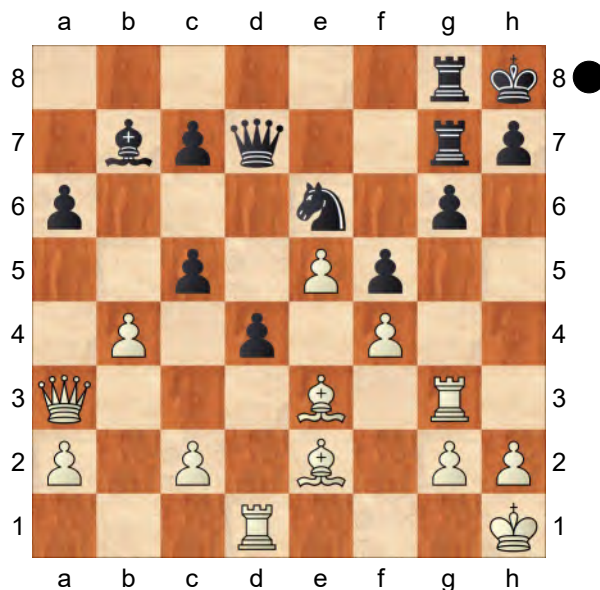
28...c5 29.Rg3? -1.70/21

[Much worse is 29.bxc5 g5 30.fxg5 d4 31.Bxd4 Bxf3 32.Bxf3 Nxd4=]

[29.Bxc5± 0.99/21 g5 30.fxg5]

29...d4↑ Black is in control. 30.Qa3 -3.67/21

[30.Qe1♣ -1.41/21 was worth a try.]



Loses the game. 30...g5! 31.Bc4? -7.22/23

[31.fxg5 -3.38/22 f4 32.Bxf4 Nxf4 33.Bf3 cxb4 34.Qxb4 Bxf3 35.Rxf3 Rxc5 36.Qxd4 Qxd4 37.Rxd4 Rxc2 38.Rg3]

31...gxf4 32.Bxe6

(Diagram)

Bxc2+? -3.21/20

[32...Rxc3! -10.99/21 33.hxc3 (33.Qxa6 Bxc2+) 33...Qc6]

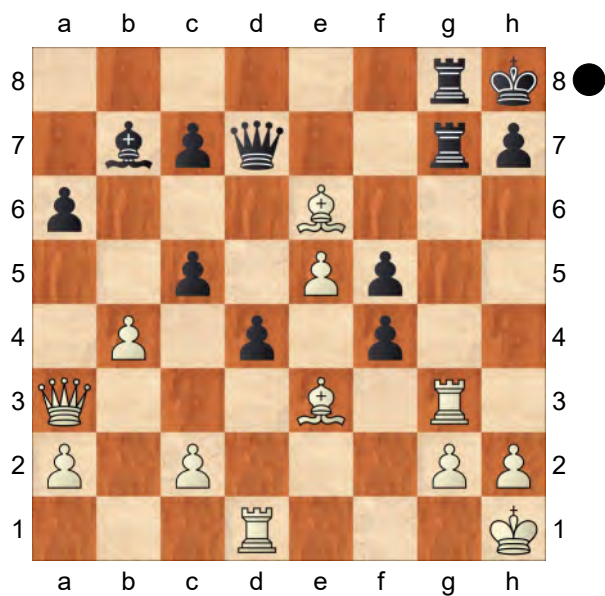
33.Kg1

[33.Rxc2 is a self mate. Qc6]

33...Qxe6 34.Bxf4 Strongly threatening Kg1xc2. 34...Bb7 35.bxc5 -7.04/24

[Δ35.Kf2 -4.13/25 Rg4 36.Qc1]

35...Qd5 36.c6 Bxc6 (→ ...Rg7xc3+) 37.Kf2 Rxc3 38.Bxc3N



[38.hxg3 Qg2+ 39.Ke1 Bf3 40.Qxa6
Qg1+ 0-1 (40) Marin,P-Bielczyk,J
SCCA Challenge 1998/99 1912 200
Traps In The Opening [Schiller,E;
Blatny,P]]

38...Qg2+ 39.Ke1 Bf3 40.Qxa6 Qg1+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/
Black=0.33

0-1

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[Hokmome, Naruemon]

C01

C01: French: Exchange Variation 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bd3 Bg4 0.19/20

[6...Nc6 -0.17/20 should be considered.]

7.f3 Be6

[7...Bh5 8.Nge2 Bg6 (8...c6 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.g4 Bg6 12.h4 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 0-0-0 14.Bf4 g6 15.Bh2 Nb6 16.Be5 Rhe8 17.g5 Nfd7 18.f4 f6 19.gxf6 Nxf6 20.f5 Rg8 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Qh3+ Nfd7 23.Qe6 ½-½ Edwin, O (1435) -Bolo, R (1652) KEN-chT Nairobi 2019 (14.3)) 9.0-0 c6 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Rae1 Nbd7 12.Ng3 Bd6 13.f4 Qb6 14.Bf5 h6 15.Bh4 Qxb2 16.Bxd7 Bb4 17.Rb1 Bxc3 18.Rxb2 Bxd2 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.f5 Bc3 21.Rxb7 Bxd4+ 22.Kh1 1-0 Barle, J (2381) -Soln, P (2413) SLO-chT 10th Bled 2000 (1)]

8.Nge2 c5N

[8...h6 9.Be3 c6 10.Nf4 Bd7 11.Qd2 Qc7 12.0-0-0 Qa5 13.g4 Na6 14.Kb1 Nc7 15.Ncxd5 Qxd2 16.Nxc7+ Kd8 17.Nce6+ fxe6 18.Bxd2 Nd5 19.Ng6 Re8 20.a3 Bf6 21.c4 Ne7 22.Ne5 Bxe5 23.dxe5 1-0 Brotto, A (1903) -Budyi, D (1485) Santa Maria di Sala op 26th 2018 (4)]

[8...c6 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.f4 Nb6 11.b3 Nc8 12.Ng3 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.f5 Bd7 15.Qe3+ Qe7 16.Qxe7+ Nxe7 17.Nce2 0-0-0 18.Rf1 Bh4 19.0-0-0 g6 20.fxg6 fxg6 21.h3 Rhf8 22.Rxf8 Rxf8 23.Rf1

½-½ Garcia, A (1668) -Hernandez, J (2015) HON-ch sf1 Tegucigalpa 2018 (6)]

9.dxc5 White has an edge. 9...Bxc5

10.Qd2 Nbd7 0.62/19

[10...Nc6= 0.10/20]

11.Bb5± Be7 12.0-0-0



Threatens to win with Bxf6. White has more active pieces. 12...0-0 13.Bxd7 0.26/20

[White should play 13.Nf4± 0.97/20]

13...Nxd7 1.21/18 White stays focused until the end.

[13...Qxd7= 0.26/20 keeps the balance. 14.Nd4 h6]

14.Bxe7± Qxe7 15.Nf4

[15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qxd5 Qxe2=]

15...Nb6 16.Rhe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Ncxd5! is the strong threat. 17...Nc4 2.28/22

[17...Qf6± 1.13/21]

18.Nfxd5 Excellent horsemanship.

18...Qf8 19.Qf4 Bxd5 2.36/23

[19...b5± 1.53/23]

20.Nxd5+-

[20.Rxd5 Rac8 21.Qh4 f6]

20...Rxd5? 5.12/24

[20...Nb6 2.19/22 keeps fighting.]

21.Rxd5 Qb4 22.Re4 2.52/23

[♖22.Qe4 4.58/26 Qxb2+ 23.Kd1
Qb1+ 24.Ke2 Qxa2 25.Kf2]

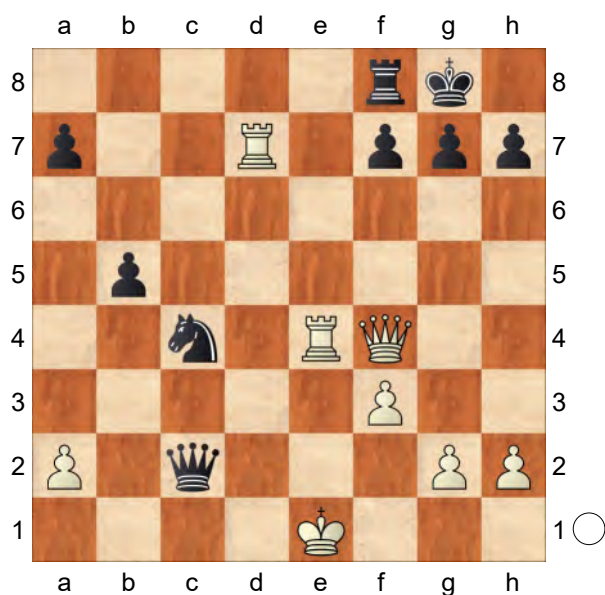
**22...Qxb2+ 23.Kd1 Qb1+ 24.Ke2
Qxc2+ 25.Ke1 b5 4.46/26**

[25...Nb6 2.71/22 26.Rde5 f6]

26.Rd7

[26.Rxb5 Nb6 27.Rbe5 Qc3+
28.Qd2 Qxd2+ 29.Kxd2 Rd8+
30.Ke1 Kf8+-]

26...Rf8



27.Rxf7!! Deflection, Back Rank

**27...Qb1+ 28.Kf2 Qxa2+ 29.Kg3 Qa3
30.Rxf8+**

[Much less strong is 30.Ree7 Qxe7
31.Rxe7 Rxf4 32.Kxf4 a5+-]

**30...Qxf8 Endgame. KQR-KQN 31.Qg5
Qd6+ 32.Kh3 Qd7+ 6.46/26**

[♖32...a5 4.37/24 33.Qxb5 Qh6+
34.Kg4 Qg6+ 35.Qg5 Qxg5+
36.Kxg5 Nb6]

33.g4 Black must now prevent Re7.

33...h6 34.Qg6 Nd6 Prevents Re8+.

35.Rd4 Qb7 36.Qxd6 Qe6+ would kill
now.

[Weaker is 36.Rxd6 Qxf3+ 37.Kh4
Qf2+ 38.Kh3 Qe3+ 39.Kh4 (39.Kg2
Qe2+ 40.Kg1 Qe1+ 41.Kg2 Qe2+]

42.Kg3 Qe3+ 43.Kg2 Qe2+=)
39...Qf2+ 40.Kh3 Qe3+ 41.Kg2
Qe2+ 42.Kg3 Qe3+ 43.Kh4 Qf2+=]

36...Qxf3+ 37.Qg3 Qf6 38.Qd3
Intending Rd8+ and mate. **38...a5**

**39.Rd8+ Kf7 40.Qd5+ Weighted Error
Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /
Black=0.68. Mistake: White=2 Black=7
Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=13
Black=8 Best: White=4 Black=1**

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C10

1866

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 f5 5.Ng5 Be7 1.16/21

[5...Nc6± 0.58/18]

6.N1h3±

[6.N1f3 Bxg5 7.Bxg5 Nf6 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Qe8 10.Bxf6 Rxf6 11.Re1 b5 12.Bb3 a5 13.a4 h6 14.d5 bxa4 15.Rxa4 Bd7 16.Ra3 a4 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Bd5 Kh7 1-0 Vujakovic, B (2380)-Trsinski, S CRO Cup 14th Sibenik 2005 (1)]

6...Nc6N

[6...Nf6 7.Bc4 Qd6 8.0-0 h6 9.Bf4 Qb6 10.Re1 hxg5 11.Nxg5 Nd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Qe2 Qf6 14.Qf3 Nc6 15.Qxd5 Bd7 16.Ne6 Bxe6 17.Rxe6 Qxd4 18.Rxe7+ Kxe7 19.Bg5+ Kf8 20.Qxf5+ Kg8 21.Qe6+ ½-½ Rajaoarimanana, F (1302)-Ranomenjanahary, E (1538) Antananarivo Analamanga-B 2021 (4)]

7.Bb5 0.96/19

[♖7.c3 1.43/21]

7...Nf6 8.0-0 0.25/21

[8.Nf4± 1.05/21]

8...0-0 0.99/20

[8...h6= 0.25/21 remains equal.]

9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Nf4 Qd6 1.37/20

[♖10...Re8 0.94/19]

11.c4 0.80/22

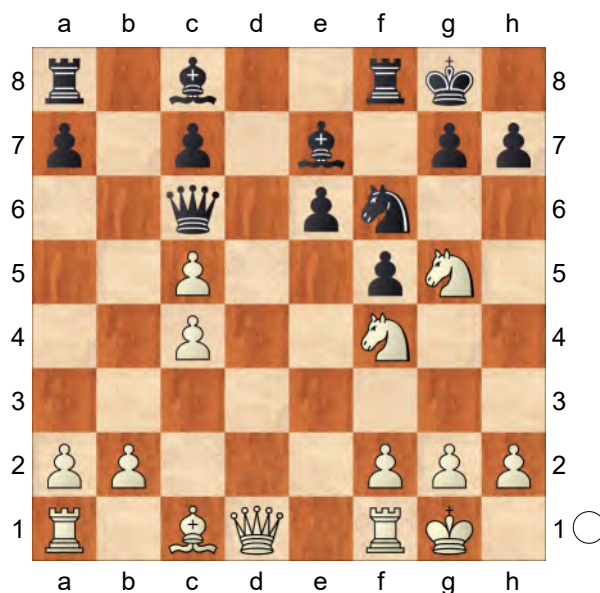
[♖11.Re1 1.37/20]

11...c5 1.31/20

[♖11...e5 0.80/22]

12.dxc5 Qc6 1.75/23

[12...Qxd1± 1.17/22 was necessary. 13.Rxd1 e5]



13.b4!+- Black must now prevent Bb2.

13...Ng4 14.Nf3 1.14/21 Excellent horsemanship.

[14.b5 Qxc5 15.h3 (15.Nfxe6? Bxe6+-) 15...Qxc4 (15...Bxg5 16.Nd3=) 16.hxg4 Bxg5 17.Nxe6 Bxe6=]

[White should try 14.Qf3+- 1.69/19 Qxf3 15.Nxf3]

14...Bf6 1.89/22

[14...Rd8± 1.14/21 is a better defense. 15.Qb3 a5]

15.Rb1 g5 2.76/20

[15...Rd8± 1.57/20 16.Qb3 a5]

16.Nd3 Strongly threatening h3! 16...e5

17.Nxg5 1.19/21

[17.Bxg5?! e4±]

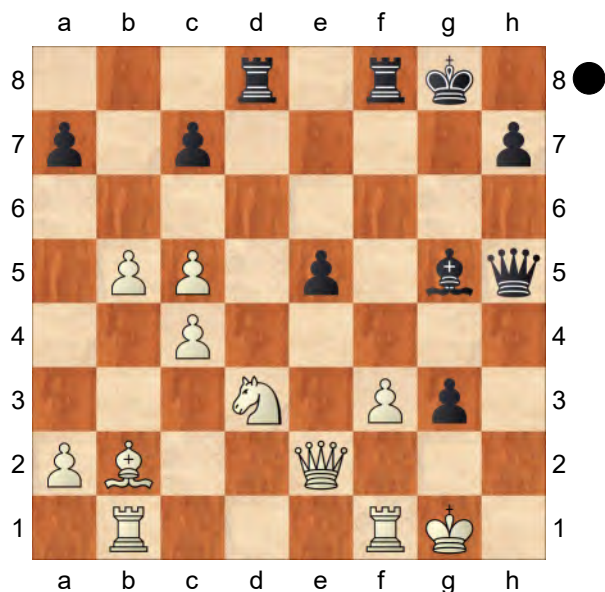
[White should play 17.b5!+- 2.06/20 Qd7 18.Nb4 (18.Nxg5 Rd8±; 18.Bxg5 e4±)]

17...f4 2.44/20

[17...e4± 1.19/21]

18.b5 Qe8 19.Ne4 h3 is the strong threat. 19...Bf5 20.f3 Re1 would now be deadly. 20...Nxh2? 3.41/23

[20...Bh4 1.81/20]
21.Kxh2 Qh5+ 22.Kg1 Rad8? 6.87/21
 [22...Bh4 3.41/21]
23.Qe2 3.04/21
 [♖23.Nxf6+ 6.87/21 Rxf6 24.Nxf4
 Discovered Attack Rxd1 25.Nxh5
 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1]
23...Bh4 (→ ...Bg3) 24.g4
 [24.Nxe5 Bg3 25.Nxg3 fxg3 26.Ng4
 Bxg4]
24...fxg3 25.Bb2?? -7.55/25
 [25.Nxe5+- 1.82/21 Rd4 (25...Bh3?
 26.Bb2+-) 26.Qb2]
25...Bxe4-+
 [But not 25...Bh3? 26.Nxe5 Bxf1
 27.Rxf1+-]
26.Qxe4 Bg5 27.Qe2



Repels Qh2+ 27...Be3+! Deflection.
 Black mates. **28.Rf2 Qh2+** Pin, Double
 Attack **29.Kf1 Qh1#** Quite a comeback
 for Black. Weighted Error Value:
 White=1.05/Black=0.56. Missed win:
 White=1 --- Mistake: White=6 Black=9
 OK: White=4 Black=4 Best: White=1
 Black=2 Strong: White=1 ---
0-1